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FORT ST. GEORGE, JANUARY 1696

The Diary and [Consultation] of the Hon^ble^: Nathaniell [Higginson President] and Governour &^ca^: Councill [Theire Proceedings] and Transactions for affairs of the R^t^: Hon^ble^: English East India Company in y^e^: Presidency of the Coast of Choromandell &^ca^: Begun the [1^st^] January 169^5^/~6~:

Ship Greyhound Owen Channel master arrived from Bengall. 1.

Being new years day the English ffreemen were [. . .] to shipp: The Inhabitants of the new Towns Egmore Persewauca, Tandore and Cuttawacca came & Present[ed] 16 sheep, 41 Hens and chickens, 450 Plantans 400 Lime 83 Oranges, 15¾ measure of Butter and 50 Coconuts [. . . .] valued at about Ten Pag^s^: which were delivered to the Steward, and the cheif Inhabitants were Tasherift w^th^: one piece of Perpetuanoes ordinary divided amongst them.

The R^t^: Hon^ble^: Companys massula being fitted w^th^: a mast and sails, this Evening a Tundell and Twenty Lasscarrs went off aboard her in order to their proceeding for Negapatam, for the assistance of the Russell ffriggot [. . .] by whom sent a generall Letter of this date to y^e^: [. . . .].

ATT A CONSULTATION — THURSDAY 2ND.

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^LL^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: PRESIDENT AND GOVER^R^:
M^R^: WILLIAM FRASER — M^R^: WILLIAM [HATSELL]
M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN — M^R^: THOMAS [WRIGHT]
M^R^: EDWARD [TREDCROFT].

There [*About a line torn*] &c^a^: to the Comp^a^: having been [. . . .] some time conform to an order of Councill of y^e^: [. . . .] and the owners complaining of the great dammage they receive thereby. It is ordered to prevent their leaving the trade of the place that permission be given for the carrying out of goods as formerly.

Discoursed concerning Bundleshai, but came to no other resolution then what contained in y^e^: Consultation of the 26^th^ Instant.

Discoursed and agreed upon Instructions [to] be given the Attorney Generall for Exhibiting a declaration in the Court of Admiralty against ship Fortune alias Elizabeth.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
W^M^: HATSELL.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.

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3 Ship Experiment Capt : Thomas Brennock Commander sailed for Anjengo by whom sent a Generall Letter [to] his Excellency S^{r} : John Gayer dated the 28th : & 30th : Dec^{r} : to the Generall & Councill at Bombay. To y^{e} : [. . .] Cap^{t} : James [. . .] Commander of Ship King William dated y^{e} : 23th : Dec^{r} : To the Gov^{r} : of Gallee and to the Gov^{r} : of Zeilone dat[ed 30th :] Briggantine Michael, Michael Burgraffe Mast^{r} : came into this road.

Ship Happy Returne Samuel Dixon master arriv'd in this road from Bengall.

MONDAY 6TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE} : NATH^{L} : HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} : PRESIDENT & GOVER^{R} :
M^{R} . WILLIAM FRASER M^{R} : WILLIAM HATSELL
M^{R} : JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R} : THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R} : EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Skipper Michael Burgraffe Dutchman Inhabitant of Ballasore representing that he was bound from Acheen to Ballasore wth : a Briggantine Laden wth : grain and Pepper, but the Pepper by reason of ill stowage falling into the water, chouck'd his Pumps, so that his Vessell was in danger of being sunck & compelld him to bear away for this Port, : where he request he may have liberty to shift part of his Lading into a Boat in the road in order to stow it better and proceed his Voyage, which is granted, but declared to him that if he disposeth of any part of his Cargo the same is forfeited, which he readily condescends to, and the Sea Customer is ordered to send off two Peons to stay in the said Boat and see that all the goods be returned againe into the Briggantine, as Skipper Michael [. . .].

The Beetle and Tobacco farmers pay into the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : Cash Pag^{s} : 758 : fa 12 : on that acco^{t}.

Ordered that Pag^{s} : one thousand be paid to M^{r} : Thomas Wright Paymas^{r} : for defraying charg^{s} : Garrison.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.
JO : STYLEMAN.
THO : WRIGHT.
ED : TREDCROFT.

7 Ship Mackerel John Tyler master sailed for Fort S^{t} : David by whom sent a Generall Letter to M^{r} : John Haynes &c^{a} : Councill of yesterdays date Incloseing Invoice and the masters receipt for what Laden upon ditto ship for that place.

WEDNESDAY 7TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE} : NATH^{L} : HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} : PRESIDENT & GOVERN^{R} :
M^{R} : WILLIAM FRASER M^{R} : WILLIAM HATSELL
M^{R} : JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R} : THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R} : EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that Massula Serango and twelve Lasscars be Entertained for one year to serve in the Gun [room].

There being a scarcity of rice at Fort S^{t} : David. It is ordered that twenty-five Garse be permitted to [be] sent thither from hence for their present supply, by any that will buy and send it upon their own acco^{t}.

Ordered that all the Vizagapatam and Fort S^{t} : George Bales, and nine Chests Tonqueen silks in the Godown be Laden on ship Mary for England, and that the remainder of her Cargo be made up wth : the Fort S^{t} : David Bales here, and Pepp^{r} : Viz^{t} : all the West Coast Pepper being about 114 Candy, and the same quantity of Mallabar Pepper.

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The Warehousekeeper reporting a surveigh of 185 pieces of Long Cloth fine offered to sale at Pago^{s} : sixty ℔ Corge. It is ordered that he choose about 50 or 60 pieces fitt for painting, to keep the Painters employed, and that he agree the price as well as he can. [7TH]

M^{r} : Hamon Gibbons appearing to be reduced to great streights for want of money, having run in debt for his maintenance since his arriveall It is ordered that Pag^{s} : 1,500 be paid him for his pres^{t} : supply, and charged to acco^{t} : Priaman Settlement.

M^{r} : Richard Farmer produces an acco^{t} : Currant and an acco^{t} : of Expences w^{ch} : are deliver'd to the Accomptant to Examine and Enter.

The President read his acco^{t} : of the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{as} : Cash for the Month of December, y^{e} : balance being p^{a} : 2539 : 17 :

There being a mention in the Tonqueen Invoice of a bagg belonging to M^{r} : Thomas Wooley which being delivered by M^{r} : Walsh, M^{r} : Keeling and Cap^{t} : Howell were sent for to see the seals opened. The contents are found as followeth.

	oz^{s}.
One string of Amber poiz	8½
Guineas 4 Twenty shilling p^{s}	2
Rings 7 poiz peny weight	10½

M^{r} : Keeling declares that the forementioned is all that he delivered to M : Richard Watts at Tonqueen, and all that he hath remaining in his hands belonging to Cap^{t} : John Cole deceased. Except halfe a Guinea and a small stone Ring (lost) for w^{ch} ; he had been offer'd Ten Tale silver in Tonqueen, for both [of] which he owns himselfe accountable, and that all the rest of the goods &c^{a} : belonging to the said Cap^{t} : Cole, were sold by outcry at Tonqueen, and the produce remitted home to his widdow by Bills drawn on the R^{t} : Hon^{ble}: Company, and that all the officers and seamen belonging to ship Smirnoa, sold him said ship by Bill of [exchange] for which he paid them (to the best of his momory) £450 : being the full of what they claimed for wages due from the said ship, and that he sold said ship and stores at the best rate he could to reimburse himselfe, but his papers being left in Tonqueen, cannot render any further acco^{t} : here, The said Amber and Gold as above Entred is deliver'd to the President as M^{r} : Wooleys attorney.

The Judge reports that this day in the Court of Admiralty, he hath given Judgement against shipp Elizabeth al^{s} : Fortune as forfeited according to y^{e} : Kings Charter, and that the said ship be deliver'd by Captain Thomas Oyles to our order. The consideration whereof is referred till tomorrow.

M^{r} : Elliot returning from ffort S^{t} : David brought wth : him their Generall Letter dated the 5th : Instant. One from Cap^{t} : Blundell dated the 1st : Instant, and one from the Heer Pitt Govern^{r} : of Negapatam dat $\frac{1}{3}$ Inst : Allso the Pacquet from the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Company ℔ Russell Friggat containing their Generall Letters dated the 6th : March and 9th : April last, wth : Papers according to List Entred after this Consultation w^{ch} : being large, the perusal thereof is refer'd till tomorrow morning.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.
W^{M} : HATSELL.
JO : STYLEMAN.
THO : WRIGHT.
ED : TREDCROFT.

LIST OF THE COMP^{S} : PACQUET TO THE FFORT BY THE RUSSELL FRIGGATT.

1. Companys Generall to the Fort dated the 9th : April 1695.
2. Companys Generall to Do. dated the 6th : March 1694.
3. Companys Generall to Fort S^{t} : Davids dated the 6th : Do. sent under a flying seal for your perusall & sending forward.
4. List of Coast goods to be provided for the year 1696.

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5. Secret Letter dated 9th: April 1695. To be opened only by ye: Lieutenant Generall or President & 2d: of Councill at ye: ffort.

6. Copy of Inteligence concerning Sevll: french ships going to India.

7. List of coulord goods procurable at Gulcondah. Are inserted in ye: Coast List.

8. Copy of the Comps: Bond for Capt: Heaths receiving £200 in case ye: [sum] was not demanded of the Padries at Canton &ca:

9. Pattern of Paintings whereof notice is given in the Companys Letter dated the 9th: April 1695.

10. Invoice of the Russell friggat.

11. Bills of Lading Ditto.

12. Charter party of the said ship.

13. Form of Prayer for the Honble: East India Company.

14. Copy of the Comps: Letter to Capt: Blundell dated 9th April 1696.

15. Comps: Pacquet to the Bay containing Vizt: sent under a flying seal for your perusal.

1. Comps: Generall to the Bay dated 6th: March 1694.

2. List of Bay goods to be provided for the year 1696 with an additional clause about Tinketting and Packing the Bales.

3. Company's secret Letter to the Bay dated the 9th: April 1696 to be opened only by the Agent & 2d: of Councill in the ffort.

THURSDAY 9TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER — MR: WILLIAM HATSELL
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN — MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Upon the perusall of the 20th: Paragraph of the Rt: Honble: Companys Letter dated the 6th: March 169$\frac{4}{5}$ concerning the Councill of ffort St: George, the number and order whereof not being fully expressed, but referred to the Commission expected by the King William, It is resolv'd that there be no alteration made in the Councill till the arrivall of the Commission, or such further advice as may make the matter cleare.

The Warehousekeeper &ca: reporting their survey of the Tonqueen goods, whereby it appears there are 23 flower'd Pelongs and 5 plain much damaged, and 158 pieces shoes stained, It is ordered to prevent further damage that all the silks be well aired and repack'd and that the said damaged Pelongs and stained shoes be sent home in their respective chests divided from the good by thick wrappers wch: is to be noted in ye: Invoice. By which means the Tonqueen Invoice will be preserved intire. And wee are assured the damaged and stained silks will yeild more in England [than here].

Narrain, Ramapa &ca: having been ordered in Councill, to treat with Bundle Shai & Madruntull & having agreed wth: them for the takeing of the [. . .] on Beetle and Laying aside the Pullemullee [farmers] which they promised to doe for the value of 400 Pags: to be distributed amongst them in Gold chains and Broad Cloth, It is ordered that the same be paid [them] and the stop laid upon their families taken off.

Ordered that Capt: Thomas Oyles & his Cheif [Mate] and Carpenter, Capt: Charles Metcalfe, Capt: George Herron, Capt: Anthony Pennistone, Capt: James [Howell] Capt: William Willimot and Gunner Atkinson, or at least six of them doe goe tomorrow morning aboard ship Elizabeth als: ffortune, and survey and value the said ship according to the best of their judgement takeing wth: them the List delivered by the said Capts: &ca: Officers of ship Mary, of the stores &ca: belonging to said ship Elizabeth when first taken into [their] Possession at Acheen, and

to report the acco^t: of Stores &c^a: and value of ship and stores, under their hands [9TH]
and that the charge of the said ship be deliver'd [by] Cap^t: Oyles into the hands of Cap^t: William [Legatt] who is appointed master.

In persuance whereof, resolved that y^e: following order be signed and delivered Viz^t:

To Cap^t: Thomas Oyles Comander of ship Mary the ship Elizabeth al^s: Fortune now in this road having been by Judgement of the Court of Admiralty in Fort S^t: George on the 8^th: Instant declared to be forfeited and condemned w^th: all her Tackle, apparel, Guns, Anchors, Amunition &^a: stores according to their Majesties Charter, and you being thereby ordered to deliver up the said ship as aforesaid to such person as the President and Councill of Fort S^t: George for affairs of the R^t: Hon^ble: English East India Company shall appoint to receive her. Wee the President & Councill of Fort S^t: George doe hereby order you to deliver the said ship w^th: all stores &c^a: belonging to her into the charge of the bearer, Cap^t: William Legatt, takeing an acknowledgement in writing under his hand of the particulars delv^d: to him. Dated in ffort S^t: George this 9^th: day January 169⅚.

To CAP^T: WILLIAM LEGATT. You are hereby ordered to receive into your Possession from Cap^t: Thomas Oyles Commander of ship Mary, the ship Elizabeth al^s: ffortune w^th: all her stores &c^a: belonging to her, whereof you are to make an exact List, and to take charge of said ship Elizabeth al^s: Fortune as master Dated in ffort S^t: George the 9^th: day of January 169⅚.

To

CAP^T: THOMAS OYLES.	CAP^T: CHARLES METCALFE.
CAP^T: GEORGE HERRON.	CAP^T: ANTHONY PENNISTONE.
CAP^T: JAMES PERRIMAN.	CAP^T: JAMES HOWELL.
CAP^T: WILLIAM WILLIMOT.	MARMADUKE WOOLTERS CHEIF MATE.
ATKINSON [GUN^R:].	LAURENCE TREGARTON CARP^R: (SHIP MARY).

[. . .]

[. . .] to goe tomorrow morning so early as you can conveniently on board ship Elizabeth al^s: Fortune now in this road, and to make an exact & impartial survey and valuation of said ship according to [the] best of your Judgements, and to report the same in writing under your hands, w^th: a particular acco^t: of all stores &c^a: belonging to said ship Dated in ffort S^t: George this 9^th: January 169⅚.

The question being moved whether ship Elizabeth al^s: Fortune shall be sold, or kept in the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^as: service, whether Employed in these parts or sent [to] his Excellency the Generall at Bombay, whether the value should be ascertained by Judgement or by outcry. The resolution thereof is referred to [next] meeting.

Ordered that the Warehousekeeper doe [cause] [. . .] Long cloth and Bettella's to be dyed blacke sufficiently for the mourning of the Church, against Wednesday next forenoon, when a funeral sermon to be Preached w^th: relation to the Death of our late sovereign Queen Mary, being confirm'd by severall Passengers, Letters and Gazets, which solemnity is thought requisite for severall reasons.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
W^M: HATSELL.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TRENCROFT.

Ship S^t: Thoma belonging to the Armenians arrived from Bengall Laden w^th: 9.
sugar, Bales &c^a:

Dispatched Generall Letters to Fort S^t: David and to Capt William Blundell 11.
Commander of the Russell Friggat at Negapatam. allso a Letter from y^e: Presid^t: to Governour Pitt, all of yesterdays date.

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MONDAY 13

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOV^{R}:
M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER M^{R}: WILLIAM HATSELL
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 480 be paid to M^{r}: Richard Elliot, & Pag^{s}: 125 to Kittee Narrain, being for two Bills of Exch^{a}: drawn by M^{r}: John Haynes second &c^{a}: Councill of Fort S^{t}: David dated the 3^{d} and 8th Instants.

M^{r}: Hiller Paying Twenty Pag^{s}: for an old Bay Horse worn out. It is ordered that the same be deliver'd him.

The Warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Cash Pag^{s}: 500 on acco^{t}: goods sold and read his storekeep^{rs}: acco^{ts}: for the months of November & December last.

Wallachy Chittee &c^{a}: pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{as}: Cash Pag^{s}: 241 : 24 : on acco^{t}: of the Tobacco farme, and the arrac farmers Pag^{s}: 166 : 24 : on that acco^{t}:

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 408 : 12 : be paid to M^{r}: Tho : Wright Paymaster for defraying charges garrison.

The Disposall of ship Elizabeth al^{s}: Fortune being consid^{d}: the following questions are propounded

1. Whether to sell her by outcry or Valuation.
2. Whether to Employ her in these parts, or send [her to] Bombay, or let her lye still here, till further advice[s come] from thence.

At present, it is resolved that she proceed wth: [all] expedition to Fort S^{t}: David to fetch 308 Bales and 276 Candy of Pepper w^{ch}: wee are advised lye ready [there] the freight whereof will more then pay her charge.

The Paymaster is ordered to provide said ship men and stores necessary.

Ordered that 350 Baggs of Indico be [removed] by said ship, for ffort S^{t}: David, to be either sold [there] or refined, the same having been offer'd to sale [by] outcry here, but no bidders, the quantity [. . .] the sale.

The R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Generall Letters to Fort S^{t}: George dated 6th: March and 9th: April 169$\frac{4}{5}$ and to Fort S^{t}: David and Bengall dated 6th: March [1696] by the Russell friggat read.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
W^{M}: HATSELL.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
E^{D}: TREDCROFT.

13. Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 6th: and 9th: Instants and a Letter from Governour Pitt to the President dated the 1^{7} Instant.

14. Yesterday a ship appearing to the Southward, a Cattemaran was sent off, and in the Evening the President received a note from Cap^{t}: Phrip, advising 'twas the Northampton from Bengall, and that he had a Pacq^{t}: from the Agent and Council of Bengall, for w^{ch}: he desired an order for sending it ashore, whereupon an order was written and sent off by a Boat, and this morning the Pacquet came ashore, w^{ch}: being opened was found to contain Generall Letters from Y^{e}: Agent and Council of Bengall dated the 20th: & 28th: December and from the Agent dated 21st: ditto wth: the severall Papers according to List.

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This Day being appointed for the solemnity in memory of our late deceased sovereign Queen Mary. 15

In the forenoon a Company wth: Drums & Coulors covered wth: blacke, and Pikes Trailing attended y^{e}: President and Councill to Church where M^{r}. Richard Elliot Preach'd a sermon suitable to the occasion, all the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: servants and the English Inhabitants being met in decent mourning, and the principal parts of the Church covered wth: blacke about twelve a clocke the flag being Lower'd [halfe mast . . .] began to fire at S^{t} : Thomas Point and continued by halfe minute Glasses from Charles Point, River Battery Caldera Point, York Point to the Batteries towards the sea, from whence the Ships in the road tooke it, and ended the fireing at two a clocke.

Received a Letter from Gov^{r} : Pitt dat $\frac{20}{10}$ Instant [. . .] the arriveall of ffive french ship at Goa.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 16.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: PRESIDENT & GOVER^{R}:

M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER M^{R} : WILLIAM HATSELL

M^{R} : JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT

M^{R}: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that William Cooper be Entertained in the Gun room.

Ordered that the wages in arrear be paid by [the] Paymaster to William Cooper Steward & William Coffrey Cooke, lately belonging to ship Elezabeth al^{s}: Fortune.

M^{r} : Thomas Wright Paym^{r} : read his acco^{ts}: for the month of December last particulars Viz^{t}:

Charges Garrison	Pag^{s} :	838 : 13 :
Charges Merchandize		33 : 0 :
Charges Generall		402 : 12 :
Fort S^{t} : David		24 : 0 :
Charges Cattle		53 : 25 :
Anjengo		70 : 20 :
Charges Diett		269 : 10 :
Egmore & New Towns		14 : 12 :
Fortifications and Repairs		110 : [. . .]
[. . .]		7 : 0 :
[. . .]		100 : 0 :
		[. . .]

Ordered that 20 Bales of Broad Cloth and 10 Bales Perpetuanoes and one Hundred Candy of Lead, bee laden on board ship Elizabeth for Fort S^{t}: David and two chests of rosewater, six pieces Flint [ware] and one quarter of a maund of Agala wood.

M^{r}.: Fraser acquainting us that he has contracted wth: the Painters for painting 80 pieces Long Cloth according to various musters flowers &c^{a}: after the rate of 45 Pag^{s}: ℔ Corge of pieces of 18 coveds Long, [. . .] It is ordered that he advance money as [. . .] to the four Cheif painters, takeing their receipts or obligations in behalfe of themselv's and the rest of the Painters, and that the Godown sorting Conicoplies and four Peons be appointed to attend and looke after the Painters business as M^{r}: Fraser shall direct them.

John Kiffith having been sentenced by y^{e}: Court Martial unfitt to remain in this place, by reason of his misdemeanours and ill qualities, and having been ever since kept under a confinement till the first oppertunity for his returne home. It is ordered that the Paymaster send him aboard ship Mary and take care that Cap^{t} : Oyles gives accustomary wages to him, and Imprest two or three months

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wages [. . . watchmen] who run from other service, and have likewise run from this place, are addicted to robbery and Drunkenness.

The Beetle farmers pay into the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^as: Cash Pag^s: 71: 9: fanams on that acc^t: being what [due] to the time of its being stopped.

Ordered that on Monday next all the R^t: H: Comp^as: servants and free men doe meet in the Fort in order to their being Listed for the forming of the Companys [Corps of] Train'd bands, and that a new Commission be given to M^r: John Afflecke for being Lieuten^t: of said Company.

The stop of the Beetle being taken off It is considered, whether to continue the farme to [Wallachy] Chittee or not. It is agreed that the same be continued to him till the expiration of his Cowle, he giveing security not to depart the place at any time w^th: out Leave dureing said time, To commence tomorrow and in consideration that many of the Trees in the adjacent Gardens were much damaged by y^e: late storm which caused a scarsity of Beetle Leaves, that they permitted to sell two Leaves for a cash for one [month].

M^r: Edward Tredcroft Sea Customer pays into the [R^t:] Hon^ble: Comp^as: Cash Pag^s: two hundred on that acco^t:

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
W^M: HATSELL.
J^O: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
E^D: TREDCROFT.

61. Received a Generall Letter from M^r: Philip Noden from Metchlepatam dated the 31^st Dec^r: 1695.

Dispatch'd a Letter from the Presiden^t to Gov^r: Pitt of this date.

19. Received a Generall Letter dated the 11^th Instant from Fort S^t: David, and from Cap^t: William Blundell Commander of the Russell friggat at Negapatam dated the 11^th Instant.

MONDAY 20.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^LL: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: PRESIDENT & GOV^R:
M^R: WILLIAM FRASER M^R: WILLIAM HATSELL
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: THOMAS: WRIGHT
M^R: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

M^r. Thomas Wright pays into the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^s: Cash Pag^s: 170: 30: 4: being the nett proceed of y^e: Estate of John Skinner deceased, and it is ordered that bills be drawn on the R^t: Hon^ble: Company for the said sume payable to Elizabeth Skinner his widdow.

Ordered that Pag^s: 500 be paid to M^r: Thom^s: Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison &c^a:

Ordered that 200 sticks of redwood (or so many as the Ship can take in) be Laden on y^e: Elizabeth for Fort St. David, M^r: Hatsell acquainting us there will be occasion for stakeing the foundation of some of the Fort works. allso 30 muskets 4 pair [. . .] and 600 fflints, and that twelve Europe soldiers be allso sent thither [upon] the advice of their last Letter that two Hundred Moratta Horse had made a suddain incursion into their bounds.

The warehousekeeper reporting that there is [. . .] piece ordinary Perpetuanoes, three p^s: Crimson, twenty nine pieces fine Perpetuanoes and [Ten] pieces of Broad Cloth ordinary Damaged by Ship Mary in her late Voyage to Acheen, It is ordered the said damage be surveyed and reported by the Warehousekeeper M^r: Tredcroft, M^r: Walsh [. . .] and M^r: Mead, calling Cap^t: Oyles to be present.

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Ordered that the chest of alloes soccratrina [that] came by the Pearle from Tonqueen be Laden [on] Ship Mary.

The Judge reports that judgement is given in an action in the Court of Admiralty between the R^t: Hon^ble: Company and M^r: William Proby, [relative] to the arrears of the Sea Custom money Viz^t: [That] M^r: Proby pay 400 Pag^s: and that Pag^s: 208: [be] referred to further consideration.

Narrain the Cheif Dubash pays into the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^s: Cash Pag^s: 109: 4: being for so much gained by the buying and selling Beetle Leaves dureing the late stop to the 18^th: Instant.

The Moratta's [. . .] increasing at Chingee frequently sending Parties into severall parts of the Countrey near Tegnapatam. It is judged necessary and resolved that M^r: Hatsell returne to Fort S^t: David by Ship Elizabeth, and it is referred to him &c^a: Councill to accommodate the demands & pretence of Ram Rajah and his officers (as by the copies of their Letters sent us by M^r: Haynes &c^a:) as the Circumstances of affairs shall require, and it is our opinion that there ought to be a fair Correspondence kept w^th: them from that place, dureing the present uncertain posture of thing[s] between them and Moors, the former by all advices appearing to be in all probability, of being masters of all their Countrey, unlesse the Mogull shall speedily send a very considerable army to the assistance of Zulphaker Cawn.

M^r: William Fraser warehousekeep^r: read his acco^t: for the month of December last.

There wanting Bales to fill up the Mary, resolved that orders be given to Fort S^t: David, to send up as many bales as they can by Countrey Ships if any offer before the returne of ship Elizabeth, which must spend some time in delivering the goods now Laden for Fort S^t: David.

Resolved that thirty candy of Benjamin be bought of M^r: Daniell Chardin according to an [. . .] produced by him at the rate of Pag^s: ninety ℔ Candy and that the warehousekeep^r: cause it forthwith to be examined and weighed, and pack it up in chests or casks covered w^th: Gunnies and Laden same aboard the Mary.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
W^M: HATSELL.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
E^D: TREDCROFT.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort S^t: David [of] this days date. 20.
Ship Happy Returne Samuel Dixon Mast^r: sail'd for [. . .].

ATT A CONSULTATION TUESDAY 21.

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^LL: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: PRESIDENT & GOVERN^R:
M^R: WILLIAM FRASER M^R: WILLIAM HATSELL
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R: EDWARD TREDCROFT

The Pacquet from the R^t: Hon^ble: Company by ship ffleet friggat directed both to Fort S^t: George and Bengall being opened and perused is found to contain nothing more then what received ℔ Russell friggat, except four Papers viz^t:

No. 12. Generall Letter relating to M^r: Yale dat: 15^th March 1694.
13. Copy of his Petition to the King.
14. Generall Letter dat: 15^th March 1694, relating to S^r: Jos^a: Child.
15. S^r: John Chardins Bill of Exchange for Pa: 2500.

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The ships Charterparty being in the List of ye: Pacquet expressed to be in the Bengall Pacquet, the same was opened, and that and the Invoice perused with the Contract made by the Rt: Honble: Company wth: [Capt. Pha :] Callender, for the cloth and Lead deliverable at a stated price in Bengall to his factors Passengers on this ship. It is thereupon resolved that the ship be not detained here, and the Capt: being sent for was acquainted that he must stay here no longer then is necessary to refresh his ships Company.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

WEDNESDAY 22ND.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The ffleet frigats cargo being consigned to Bengall and they having advised us by their last generall dated 21st: December that they owe 1,47,000 rupees and Interest, It is therefore necessary that they [Unlade] that ships stocke as soone as possible, and tis [. . .] that the whole cargoe be continued on the [. . .] for Bengall except 24 chests of Ingott Silver [. . .] to 116 being most fine silver and near rupee [Matt] It is ordered that the same be unladen here by warehousekeepr: wth: all expedition, and coined into Madrass rupees, to be sent to Bengall by the first oppertunity.

There being but one chest of Mexico Dollers [on] the Russell frigat, and not knowing whether King William will bring any of the sorts from [. . .] for the West Coast, or whether wee shall be [. . .] otherwise to procure them, It is therefore ordered that two chest of Mexico Dollers be unladen from the ffleet friggat and reserved for ye: [West Coast].

Mr: Edward Tredcroft Sea Customer read his accot: of Sea Customs for ye: month of December particularly.

Custom of goods Imported and Exported ...	Pa:	363 : 30 : 35
Ditto of grain	,,	71 : 18 : 5
		[. . .]

Generall Letter to Bengall dated the 21st: & 22nd: Instants, read and signed. allso a Letter to Owen Channel Master of Ship Greyhound, concerning a letter signed by ye: President and Mr: Fraser to Captain Thomas Rains Commander of ship Martha, containing the Rt: Honble: Comps: private sailing orders, wch: the master being bound for Bengall is order'd to deliver or convey to Captain Rains and in his absence to the Agent.

George Brown and Robert Jennings having serv'd souldiers two or three years above their covenanted time and requesting to be discharged, and to have leave to ship themselves on board the Mary. It is ordered that they be discharged and have leave to goe home, the one having rendered himselfe uncapable of service by Drunkenness, and the other hath lost his hearing in the service, and pretends to have an Estate fal'n to him in England.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

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Delivered a Pass to Ship Conimere Merchant Thomas Lane master bound to Bengall. 22

This morning Mr: William Hatsell went on board Ship Elizabeth and about 12 a clocke sett Saile for ffort St: David by whome sent a generall, dated the 21st: Inst: Incloseing Invoice & Bill of [Lading] for what sent upon said ship.

Ship Greyhound Owen Channel master sailed for Bengall by whome sent a Generall Letter to the Agent &ca: of this and yesterdays date [with] Papers as ℘ List.

Briggantine Greenhill Michael Burgraff sailed for Bengall. 23

Deliver'd a Pass to Boat Stn: Rosa. 24

ATT A CONSULTATION

SATURDAY 25TH.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVENR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The President acquaints the Councill that on [. . .] four a Clocke in the afternoone Capt: John [Merry] commander of ship fleet frigat brought his Paper of Complaint against Mr: William [. . .] his cheif mate, representing that it was [. . .] for the ship or Cargo, that he continue [. . .] and further urgeing that he was afraid of [. . .] ill consequence that very night unless he [. . .] brought ashore, The President desired ye: Captain to goe aboard himselfe and fetch him ashore [. . .] Capt: alledging that he doubted whether his cheif mate would obey unless some souldiers were sent with him, The Presidt: ordered Lieutenant Seaton to take three or four souldiers and goe aboard wth: the Captain and assist him in causeing the Cheif mate to come ashoar, if he refused the Capts: order, at seven a clocke they came ashore and both agreed in this, that when the Capt: order'd Mr: Norman to come ashore he refused, but when Lieutenant Seaton acquainted him that ye: Govr: had ordered it, he answer'd that he would obey, & came ashore wth: them, and the President gave order that he remain in a chamber in the Fort. That this morning Mr: Norman sent an address, which wth: the Capts: Paper of complaint is now produced and read.

Captain Merry and Mr: Norman being sent for and the said papers read to them, upon hearing their mutual accusations and Defences, It doeth appr: to us, that it is necessary for the welfare of the ship &ca: that they be parted, and Mr: Norman having made some demands of wages servants and neccessaries, It is referred to Mr: Fraser and Mr: Styleman to call Capt: Merry and Mr: Norman to them, and endeavour to concert that matter between them, and that Mr: Norman be not continued under confinement, but not to goe aboard againe till further order.

Mr: William How pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 29 : 5 fanams being in discharge of Bond given to the Rt: Honble: Company in England to his Wife and mother for twelve pound.

The Attorney Generall pays into the Rt: Honble: Compas: Cash Pags: 400 being so much money recovered from Judgement of the Court of Admiralty of Mr: William Proby on accot: of Sea Customs, and Lieutenant Seaton Pags: 150: being what due from him [on] accot: of the Wine Licence for the year 1695.

The warehousekeeper reporting that [they] sorted, besides the Long cloth mentioned in the Consultation of the 8th: Instant, 40 pieces [. . .] for painting, ordered that he pay for it [. . .] same rate as the former.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

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25. Ship Conimeer Merchant Thomas Lane master sailed for Bengall.

26. Received a generall Letter from Fort St. David 22nd: Inst: incloseing Cops: of their Diaries and Consultations to the ultimo December 1695; and a continuation of their acco: Curr: Fort St. George in Books Letter F.

28. Ship Northampton John Bell master sailed for Moldevs:

29. The following order was signed by the Presdt: & Councill. The winds being contrary and therefore fear ye: Fort St. David Bales will not arrive time enough for the compleating of ship Mary's Lading, It is ordered that the Warehousekeeper doe lade so much Pepper as is necessary for that purpose as the Capt. demands it.

NATHL: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMS: WRIGHT.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.

30. Sloop Fleetwood belonging to Mr: Holcombe arrived in ys: road from Vizagapatam, and brought a generall Letter from the Cheif &ca: Councill at Vizagapatm: dated 12th: Instant.

Ship Sarah Marmaduke Rawdon Commander arrived in this road from Bengall, and brought us a generall Letter from the Agent and Councill dated the 8th: Instant, wth: copies of their generall Letters dated 21st: & 28th: December last.

FRIDAY 31ST.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDENT & GOVERNR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Ordered that Pags: 1575: be paid to Mr: Daniel Chardin being both Principal and Interest due on [account] dated 29th: July 1695.

Mr: Daniel Chardin pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 2,500 on acco: of a Bill drawn by Mr: Chardin dated in London the 16th March 169⅘: mentioned in the Rt: Honble: Comps: generall Letter [℔ ffleet] ffriggat dated the 15th March 169⅘ for which [. . .] Letters of advice all of this date directed to the Rt: Honble: Company are signed and delivered [. . .].

Mr: William Morrice pays into the Rt. Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 797 : 28 : fans: being the Estate of [. . .] Pillson deceased, for which Bills are given [. . .] drawn upon the Rt. Honble: Company payable [. . . to] Mrs: Mary Pillson in the county of Devonshire or to her order.

Capt Thomas Oyles delivering a request [. . .] desireing that 400 Dollers the remaining [. . .] of the 1000 Dollers allowed by ship Marys Party to be taken up in India, be paid him. Ordered that Pags: 236 : 10 : 3 : be paid him being [. . .] the rate of [. . .] Dollers ℔ tale for Ten Pags:

Ordered that Pags: 1278 : 1 : 5 : be paid to Mr: Danll: Chardin and Mr: George Lewis Attorny's of John Dolben Esqr: being for Pags: 1200 : paid by him into the Rt: Honble: Compas: Cash at Interest the 6th June 1693: Belonging to the Estate of Benjamin Bloom deceased, for which a bond was then given payable to ditto Dolben or his Assigns.

Ordered that the Paymaster doe Imprest to the Steward Pags: 500 : for provideing a store of provision for the supply of this place, York Fort &a:

Ordered that Pags: 1096 : 35 : 2 : being the balance of the money received to this day on the acco: of ye: Town Conicoplies Duty, be paid by the Secretary into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash.

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Ordered that John Johnson a Portugueze soldr: be discharged, to serve as a seaman aboard Ship Mary.

Ordered that Pags: 66 : 34 : being for Tale 29 : 10 [. . .] Expended by Capt: Thomas Oyles on ship Fortune als: Elizabeth at Acheen as ꝑ his accot: be paid him.

Generall Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company of this date, read to Paragraph the 47.

Mr: Fraser and Mr: Styleman reporting upon their examination of the difference between Capt: Merry and his Cheif mate Mr: Norman that they find the same irreconcileable, Capt: Merry and Mr: Norman being sent for, it was agreed by Mr: Merry and Mr: Norman, that Capt: Merry [give] Mr: Norman a discharge and approved of by [. . .] appears by two papers Entred after ys: Consultation.

A paper of this date to Mr: Gough signed [& delivered] him as entred after this Consultation.

Ordered that Pags: one thousand be [paid] Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster to defray charges: [. . .].

Mr: Thomas Wright reports the Muster [of] Fleet friggats men to be 57 and ship Mary [. . .]

Mr: Edmund Mountague Provl: Land Customer: pays into the Rt. Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 137 [. . .] of Land Customs.

The Rt. Honble: Company haveing by their Generall Letters by ships London friggat and Russell [friggat . .] advised that the permissive trade is taken [. . .] the Kings charter, wch: permissive trade is [under]stood to be the Bengall and China goods [. . .] years indulged to severall to be sent [on] Honble: Comps: ships paying them 18 ꝑ Cent [. . .] and the Coast goods permitted to ye: [. . .] on Contract. But Diamonds being all [. . .] of a different nature, cannot be included with the reason of the said order, nor is there any [. . .] any of the Rt. Honble: Comps: Generall Letters which intimates that Diamonds may not be Laden on their ships as formerly. That being the only means left for the returning the remains of that money wch: came into India wth: their permission. It is ordered that the Secretary doe as usual give orders to ye: Commander of ship Mary for receiving Diamonds on board and doe keep a List thereof to be sent wth: the Pacquet.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
JO: STYLEMAN.
THO: WRIGHT.
ED: TREDCROFT.

HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON
PRESIDENT &CA: COUNCILL.
Honble: &ca:

Having occasion for money to defray ye: necessary disbursements of ship Mary, request you would please to order four hundred Dollers (or the value in Pags:) to be paid to me on said ship's accot: which wth: the six hundred Dollers recd: from the Worspl: Agent of Persia will amot: to one thousand Dollrs: wch: is the sume allowed in Charterparty to be taken upon said ships accot: from the Rt. Honble: Comps:

Yor: most Humble: Servt:
THOMAS OYLES.

Fort St. George
[. . .] Janry: $169\frac{5}{6}$.

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I Cap^{t}: John Merry Commander of ship [Fleet friggat] doe wth: approbation of the President and Councill of Fort St. George agree that M^{r}: Robert [Norman who] came out cheif mate of said ship be discharged, he is hereby discharged wth: his Covenant [. . .] Watson from the service of the said ship.

JOHN [MERRY].

Fort S^{t}: George,
31st: Jan^{ry}: $169\frac{5}{6}$.

Upon the hearing of the allegations [given by] Cap^{t}: John Merry Command^{r}: and M^{r}: Robert [Norman] Cheif mate of ship fleet friggat, concerning w^{t}: hath been between them in this voyage [to] England, wee are of opinion that it is [. . .] that they both proceed together in the [. . .] and therefore wee doe well approve [. . .] mentioned discharge given by Cap^{t}: [. . .] Norman, they having both declared the [. . .] agreement before us.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOM^{s}: WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

To M^{R}: RICHARD GOUGH,
SUPRA CARGO OF SHIP SARAH.

Having heard that your ship is not [. . .] and that you designe to fill her up here [. . .] there being some goods which wee [. . .] not [within] the Limits of your permission, wee have ordered the sea Customer not to permit any to be shipped off on board your ship, till you produce to him a list of y^{e}: goods signed and approved by the warehouse keep^{r}: w^{ch}: Lists are to be sent home to the Rt. Hon^{ble}: Company, wee give you this notice that you may not meet wth: any unnecessary impedim^{t}: in the dispatch of your business.

Wee have rec^{d}: directions from the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: for y^{e}: sailing orders to be given to their returning ships, according to [which] wee shall dispatch the ship Mary, and wee offer to deliver to you and the Commander of your ship a copy of y^{e}: same, but your ship not being under our orders wee doe not impose it.

Your owners contract providing that you shall comply wth: all the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: orders in the severall factories where your ship com's, wee are of opinion that its agreeable to y^{e}: said orders, that you Pay unto y^{e}: Presid^{t}: and Second of y^{e}: Councill, the halfe Commission or two and halfe ℘ Cent for all the Diamonds you have bought or caused to be bought here, by virtue of y^{e}: said Contract, and wee doe hereby demand that you accordingly pay the said halfe Commission. There being the same reason for this as for your paying two ℘ Cent to the Agent of Bengall.

Wee doubt not but the Mary will saile on Monday or Tuesday next, if you can dispatch your business time enough, wee thinke it will be convenient that your ship goe in Comp^{a}.

Fort S^{t}: George,
31st: January $169\frac{5}{6}$.

Yo^{r}: Loveing friends.
NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

——FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY 169⅚—— [12th MO].

2. Recd: a Generall Letter from ffort St. David dated 27th: January.

The following order was signed by ye: Presidt: & Councill. The Indulgence to ship Sarah extending as far [. . .] been granted to any ships, and the Coast goods [. . .] haveing been permitted to any ship. It is or: opinion that unless Mr. Gough can produce a reason [. . .] cannot permitt them to be Laden on the [. . .] and that he may be permitted to ship off [. . .] or any other sorts of goods except Coast Goods.

NATH. HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMs: WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

The following order was signed by ye: President & Councill.

3. Ordered that fourteen hundred sixty four Pags: [. . .] be paid to the Lady Goldsborough for one bond [. . .] 19th: August 1695 for fourteen hundred Pags: [. . . .] at Interest at Ten ℘ cent.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMs: WRIGHT.
EDWARD TREDCROFT.

3. Ship Simon arrived from Vizagapatam and brought a generall letter from the Cheif, &ca: dat: 26th: past Incloseing Invoice and Bill of Lading for 183 bales.

The following order was signed by ye: Presidt: & Councill. Ordered that 183 Bales of Vizagapatam goods be unladed from ship Simon.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMs: WRIGHT.
EDWD: TREDCROFT.

Ship Jaganaykola arrived in ys: road from Surnapora.

Ship Pattee Mahomdee arrived in ys: road from Bengall.

4. Ship King William Capt: James Thwaites Commander arrived from England.

ATT A CONSULTATION — TUESDAY 4TH.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: PRESIDENT: & GOVERNR:
MR: WILLIAM FRASER — MR: JOHN STYLEMAN
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT — MR: EDWARD TREDCROFT.

Mrs: Delgardner pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys: Cash Pags: 20: for halfe a year due on accot: of ye: fishing farme, Ending October 1695:

The Pacquet from the Rt: Honble: Company by the King William is found to contain as ℘ List Entrd: after this Consultation.

The Invoice of silver by said ship giveing an accot: of severall chests much finer then Rupee Matt, and there being a present occasion for them to car[r]y of the courser silver of the Fleet friggat now coining in the mint. It is ordered that the warehouse keepr: doe immediately cause ye: [following] Chests to be unladen Vizt: No: 82, 84, 85, 91, 92.

[4TH] ——*FORT ST. GEORGE, FEBRUARY* $169\frac{5}{6}$——

There being no new Generall Letter from the Rt: Honble: Company but wt: was received by the Russell and Fleet frigats. The Commission recd: wth: the said [Packet] dated 6th: March 1694 being read appointing [Sr: Jno: Gayer Knt: Generall, and Nathl: Higginson Lieutenant Generall of India, and Wm: [Hatsell] Esqr: President of Fort St: George and Govr: of Fort St: David, John Styleman Esqr: William Fraser, Francis Ellis, Roger Braddyl, Charles [Barwell] John Pitt and Thomas Wright to be of Councill of Fort St: George, there was thereupon [a] question moved in respect to the station [assigned to] John Styleman, who is therein named [. . .] next of our Councill to Mr: Hatsell, whether relateth to the Councill of Fort St: George or to Fort St: David, considered wth: the 20 Paragraph of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Letter dated the 6th: [March '94] to Fort St: George and the 16th: Paragraph [of] their Generall Letter dated 6th: March ['94 to] Bengall, It is our opinion that ye: [Commission] relates only to the setling of the Councill of Fort St: George, and that the persons [. . .] mentioned, ought to take place according to the order of the names in said Commission, and therefore Mr: Styleman being next named after Mr: Hatsell and before Mr: Fraser, Mr: Styleman takes place accordingly.

Mr: Fraser for himselfe gives his humble opinion that the Paragraph of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Generall Letter to Fort St: George dated 6th: March 94; wherein Fort St: David is mentioned distinctly from Fort St: George, which is the Post assigned for President Hatsell's residence to whome Mr: Styleman is appointed next, unless the Lieutenant Generall should thinke fitt to change stations, which compared wth: the 16 Paragraph of the Rt: Honble: Compas: Generall dated the 6th: March 94 [to the Agent etca.] Councill in Bengall, humbly conceives Mr: Styleman is not understood to be second of Councill of Fort St: George in the absence of President Hatsell, all which he humbly referrs to the Rt: Honble: Company.

The Commission nameing Mr: Thoms: Wright to be last of Councill, and the 20 Paragraph of the Generall Letter dated 6th: March, requireing their absolute order (relateing to the Councill) be obeyed, notwithstanding any different ordrs: of Sr: John Gayer to the contrary, and Mr: Tredcroft himselfe being of opinion, that being not mentioned in the Commission nor generall Letter, he cannot be continued of Councill, doth therefore quit his station in Councill and the comeing of Mr: Ellis, Mr: Braddyl and Mr: [Barwell] being expected, when the Employment of Sea Customer will fall to one of their shares [. . .] ordered that Mr: Tredcroft continue Sea customer and Justice of the choultrey 'till the [comeing] of one of them, being not convenient to [have] to frequent changes in the Sea Custome [. . .] especialy at this time of shipping.

Mr: Matthew Empson being mentioned [in] 40 Paragraph of the Generall Letter to [be] of Councill, in case the number appointed [in] the Commission be lessened by Death or [accident]. The Secretary is ordered to acquaint him [to] attend next Consultation day that he [may] take place accordingly.

The President read his accot: of the Rt: Honble: Compas: Cash for the month of January [the] Balance being Pags: 2125 : 22 : 5.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.

4. The following Paper to Mr: Gough and Capt: Rawdon was signed by the President and Council and sent them.

RICHARD GOUGH SUPRA [. . .]
Capt: MARMADUKE RAWDON
COMMANDER OF SHIP SARAH.

This serv's only to acquaint you that by the stated rules of this place, no ship ought to carry away from the shore, either for England or other parts any person native or Inhabitant, or others without leave of the President, and we

desire you to take notice thereof If any person desires a passage upon your ship or if you want men for the service of the ship, nothing will be denyed that is reasonable. Dated in Fort St: George this 4th: February 169⅚.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
THOMs: WRIGHT.

List of the Companys Pacquet to the Fort by the Ship [King] William.

No: (1) Companys Generall to the ffort dated 6th: March 1694.

(2) Comps: Generall to ffort St: Davids dated 6th: March 1694 sent under a flying seal for your perusal and sending forward.

(3) Comps: Pacquet to the Bay containing vizt: sent under a flying seal.

(i) Comps: Generall to the Bay dated the 6th March 1694.

(ii) Comps: Secret Lre: to be opened only by ye: Agt: & 2d Councill dated 12th March 94.

(iii) List of Bay goods to be provided for the year 1696.

(iv) Copy of ye: Comps: Generall to ye: Bay dated 27th: Octobr: 93 sent over [land].

(v) Patterns for ye: Bay sent by Mr: Ongley of Sevll: sorts of goods [in ye] [. . .]

(4) Copy of the Comps: Generall to ffort dated 3d January [1694] by the ships London frigot and Success.

(5) Copy of the Comps: Generall to Bencolen dated 2d: January ['94] sent by the Dorothy.

(6) Copy of the Comps: Generall Do: dat. 3d January: 9¾ sent by ye: [. . .].

(7) Invoice of the Ship King William.

(8) Bill of Lading of Ditto.

(9) Charter party of the Said Ship.

In the box apart {
(10) Commission for constituting ye: Lieut: Genll: & settling ye: Councill [. . .].
(11) Commission for preventing a failure of Justice at ye: fort [. . .] Death of Judge Dolben.
}

(12) List of Coulor'd goods procurable at Golcondah. These are [. . .]

(13) Copy of Coja Panous Kalenders Contract for Pattana Goods [. . .]

(14) Indenture of Covenants for Stanhope Mills to be [. . .] his Bond for performance. To be executed duly [. . .]

(15) Copy of the Comps: bond for Capt: Heaths receiving [. . .] in case the same was not demanded of ye: Padres [. . .].

(16) Copy of Intelligence touching severall french ships going to India. copy whereof to be sent into ye: Bay wth: ye: [. . .].

(17) List of [Goods to] be provided for the year [. . .].

(18) Secrett Letter to be opened only by the Lieutent: [. . .] or President & Councill dated 12 March [. . .].

(19) Forms of Prayer for the Honble: East India [Company.]

(20) Mr: Hinchmans } (21) Mr: Vandenankers } Indentrs of Covts: for Factors { being returned from [. . .] are sent againe to be [. . .] witnessed in due [course]

(22) Capt: Generall to ye: fort dated 15th: March 1694 about Mr: Yale [. . .]

(23) Copy of Presidt: Yales Petition to ye: King about his [comeing.]

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(24) Comps: Letter to ye: fort dat: 15th: March 94 about Sr: John [Chardin].

(25) Sr: John Chardins bill of Excha: for 2500 pa: payable: by his brother Mr: Dan1: Chardin.

(26) Patterns of Paintings & striped muslins sent by Mr: Ongly for ye: fort in [. . .]

4 Received a Generall Letter from Mr: Braborne &ca: Councill at Anjenga dated the primo January 169$\frac{5}{6}$.

5 Dispatch't a Generall Letter to Fort St: David of this date Inclosing copy of the Commission sent by the Rt: Honble: Company appointing the Generall & Lieutenant Generall of India and President and Councill of Fort St: George.

THURSDAY 6.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENLL: OF INDIA.

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER

MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR:

Generall Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company from Paragraph 47 to 53 read.

Ordered that Pags: Six hundred be paid to Buchu Tegeray being for one Bill drawn by President Hatsell &ca: Councill at Fort St: David dated 27th past.

The Warehousekeepr: is ordered to sell Lead when buyers offer at nine Pags: a Candy for 100 Candy or more and Pags: 9: 18: fans: for 50 Candy, and after the rate of Ten Pags: for all quantities under, and Lead & all other Goods to be sold for ready money, or Security approved by Councill.

There being no factors Provisions of any sorts com out by these ships, ye: Secry: is ordered to buy so much of all sorts as is necessary for one year for this place, Fort St: David, Vizagapatam & ye: West Coast.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.

FRIDAY 7.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENLL: OF INDIA.

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER

MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR:

1. There being about 5,000 Rupees coined of ye: ffleet ffriggats silver. It is ordered that the Warehousekeeper do cause the same to be Laden on said ship [with] Expedition, that she may be dispatch'd [the same . . .] if possible, and thô in a weeke or ten days [. . .] be a greater quantity ready. It is resolved [. . .] Ship doe not stay, because she was [. . .] Bengall under a contract of Broad [. . .] at a certain price, payable at a certain [. . .] delivery, & therefore ought to proceed [. . .] oppertunity of wind, wch: now offers, [. . .] of ye: Bengall stocke may be sent by [. . .] in a short time, and because it is necessary [. . .] as large a stocke as we can now. Tis [. . .] all ye: Dollers recd: by the King William & [. . .] (Mexico excepted) be Laden on the ffleet ffriggat Dollers being allwais ready money if [. . .] be at a small losse.

NATHL: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.

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The following order was sign'd by y^{e}: Lieuten^{t}: Gen^{ll} : & Councill [&] ordered that the Warehouse keep^{r}: cause all y^{e}: Russell ffriggats Cargo from England and Fort S^{t}: David to be unladen, and if any of the Bales of Europe cloth seem to be dammaged, that they be laid aside from the rest, and opened and surveyed in the presence of the Commander of the Ship or one appointed by him.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
THOM^{S} : WRIGHT.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dat. the 5th: Instant wth: their Pacquet to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble} : Comp^{a}: w^{ch}: contained their Generall Letter dat : 4th : Instant wth : severall other papers from N^{o} : 1 to N^{o} : 7.

M^{r}: John Styleman pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble} : Comp^{s}: Cash Pagod^{s} : one thousand payable upon demand, for w^{ch} : a Bill was given him.

10. The S^{t}: David Yatch John Campion mast^{r}: arrived from Fort S^{t}: David, and brought 164 Bales.

Ship ffleet friggat Captain John Merry Commander sailed for Bengall by whome sent a Pacquet to the Agent &^{ca}: containing the R^{t}: H. Comp^{s}: Pacquet Rec^{d}: ℔ ditto ship, and Fort S^{t}; George Gen^{ll}: Letter dated the 7th: Instant wth: Invoice and Bill of Lading for what Laden on board the ffleet friggat here.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 10.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} : LIEUTEN^{T}: GEN^{L}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R} : WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R} : THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R} :

Ordered that the 64 Bales be unladen from [. . .] board the S^{t}: David Yatch and the following persons be entertained to serve the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a} : by sea or Land for two years Viz^{t}: [. . .] William Barnes, Peter de Boubou, Clois [. . .] Dutchmen, and Sheltra, Pria, Pottra & [. . .] Buggesses or Mallay's.

Generall Letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company [. . .] day from Paragraph y^{e}: 1st to the 11th : read.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
THO : WRIGHT.

ATT A CONSULTATION TUESDAY 11.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L} : HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} : LIEUTEN^{T} : GEN^{L} : OF INDIA
M^{R} : JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R} : WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R} : THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R} :

The latter part of the Generall Letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble} : Company dated 10th : Instant read and [Capt.] Oyles his Dispatch signed.

A Packet to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company sent off by M^{r}: Blundell to the Commander of Ship Sarah containing Duplicate of our Generall Letter dated the 31st: January and 6th: February, and copys of Ship Mary's Invoice and Bill of Lading, and copys of Papers relating to Presid^{ts}: Yales Petition to the King.

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Capt: Oyles being sicke and goeing off this Evening, It is ordered that Mr: Wright and the Secretary doe goe off tomorrow morning to Ship Mary & deliver the Capt: his dispatch and the Packett.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.

11. Ship Charare, Nudere Cawn Noqueda arrived from Bengall.

12. Last night Ship Sarah Capt: Marmaduke Rawdon Commandr: sailed for England.

Ship Elizabeth William Legatt master arrived from Fort St: David and brought a Generall Letter dated the 8th: Instant [*Lacuna in the original*] and Ship Mackerell John Tyler Master from Tringombar.

13. Last night Ship Mary Capt: Thomas Oyles Commander sailed for England. This morning Ship Sangerigo sailed for Bengall.

THURSDAY 13. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Mr: Matthew Empson tooke place as [. . .] of Councill in persueance of the Rt: Honble: Comps: orders in their Generall Letter dated 6th: March ['94] Paragraph the 40th:

Mr: John Foquet Rentall Generall pays [into the] Rt: Honble: Companys Cash [Pags: 425, on that [. . .] and Mr: Edmund Mountague Pags: 115, on [. . .] Customs and read his accots: for the month [. . .] and January last particulars Vizt:

December.—Choultrey Custome	... ...	Pags:	132: 9: 65
Rubie Brokers	... ...	„	5: 10: 37
Cloth Brokers	... ...	„	2: 9: 45
		Pags:	139: 29: 67
January.—Choultrey Custome	... ...	„	102: 18: 10
Trivelicane Custome	... ...	„	: 2: 33
Rubie Brokers	... ...	„	1: 4: 30
Cloth Brokers	... ...	„	12: 20: 43
		Pags:	116: 9: 36

The Lieutenant Generall pays in[to the] Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 104, for Permissive Passage of John Gyfford, Martha Gyfford [. . .] Brown and Matthew Mead on ship [. . .] for England, each Pags: twenty-six.

The Warehousekeeper reporting that [. . .] chests of Dollers received by Ship King William, he [having] received one No: 81 which is neither in the Bill of Lading nor Invoice. But the Bill of Lading and Invoice doe mention one chest No: 71: which is not received. It is ordered that he cause the said chest to be compared wth: the Invoice, and that if it agrees, that it be noted at the foot of the Invoice.

Thomas Wigmore Secretary pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: [. . .] fans: on accot: Passes, and [. . .] his accot: for the month of January last.

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Mr: Edward [Tredcroft] Provl: Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 400 on yt: accot:

Ordered that [. . .] be paid to [. . .] Thomas Wigmore [. . .] for defraying chargs: Garrison.

8. Ordered that the accomptant doe on Monday next produce an accot: of all the moneys [. . .] at Interest, and to prevent the growing Interest that so much silver be disposed off as will discharge the same, and to furnish Fort St: David wth: [6,000] Pags: and Vizagapatam wth: 5,000 Pags: wch: with the money owing for Benjamin and money borrowed [payable] upon demand amounts to at least 25,000 Pags:

Ordered that Mr: Edward Tredcroft buys 1,000 or 1,500 pieces of [. . .] for the use of Fort St: David and this [. . .] and 700 ps: be sent to Fort St: David [. . .].

The Rt: Honble: Company by their Letter dated the 6th: March 1694/5 Pars: 66 & 70 appointing that [. . .] King William be Laden home directly from [. . .] wth: Coast goods, or if that can't be effected wth:in [. . .] months after her arrivall, that she take [. . .] the West Coast and returne hither for yt: [. . .] and it being necessary that the Russell friggat and some other ship doe proceed to Bengall [. . .] the remaining part of their stocke in [Rupees . . .] Europe goods. It is for the present ordered that [. . .] of that said Ships be hast [. . .] and that soe many [. . .] the Sea Customer to each [. . .] as [. . .] by the 5th: of [. . .].

Ordered that the Bales and Pepper [from Fort] St: David be unladen from on board ye: [. . .].

Ordered that Nino be Entertained [a] Bricklayer in the room of Yeggapa.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

The following order was signed by the Lieut: General and Councill. 14.

Ordered that five hundred Madrass Rupees, [and] thirty six thousand fanams be sent to Fort St. David by the St. David Yatch, wth: what cordage formerly ordered, or wrote for from Fort St. David.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
THOMAS WRIGHT.

ATT A CONSULTATION [SATURDAY 15.]

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQE: LIEUTENT: GENLL: OF INDIA

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT	MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

The [Councill Mett] in the Fort, and Lieutenant [Hugonins] Commission was delivered to him at [the] Head of [the] Company.

Ordered that Lieutenant Sinclare repair to Fort St. David by the St. David Yatch wth: twenty Europeans [. . .] which with the twelve lately sent and [. . .] taken out of the Russell friggat there, are [. . .] number to make up [. . .] full Company [. . .] to be under ye: Command of Lieutenant [. . .] and the other of Lieutenant Sinclar, during the time of his stay there.

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3. Order'd that five thousand Pags: be sent to Fort St. David by the St. David Yatch, and rupees [. . .] five hundred and Pags: one thousand to [Vizagapatam] by ship Simon, if the money can be procured enough, and two Bales of Broad Cloth ordinary and Aurora, Crimson, Cloth Rashes, Perpetuanoes fine and ordinary of each sort one Bale [. . .] that Mr: Edward Thompson factor and [Mr: . . .] Morrice writer goe upon said ship.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

MONDAY 17. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Mr: [. . . Fonseca] and Company [. . .] Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 2,500 for [. . .] Bill [. . .] on demand.

The ship [. . .] having dammaged [. . .] Bales [. . .] came upon her from Vizagapatam whereupon it seems doubtfull whether it is safe to send the Treasure &ca: ordered to be sent by her on the 15th Instant. It is resolved that the same be deferred till one of the Rt: Honble: Companys ships shall proceed for Bengall.

Resolved that the Russell frigat be sent to Bengall, and that all the Lead be continued on board, and when the Europe cloth is examined that the following particulars be Laden vizt:—

Broad Cloth ordinary Bales	70
Aurora	10
Perpetuanoes fine	20
Ditto ordinary	20

And 2,50,000 Rups: as soon as can be coined.

The old Joint stocke merchants demanding of Timapa Cheif merchant Pags: 9,061 : 21 : 2 : as due from him and his family, upon the balance of the accots: of the old joint stocke, as by the translate of their accots: It is ordered that Timapa deliver his answer to said demand to the accomptant in writing, who is to report the same as soon as recd.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

18. Last night the St. David Yatch sailed for Fort St. David upon said Vessell. Lieutenant Henry Sinclare and twenty European soldiers were [sent] a generall Letter of yesterdays date to the President and Councill of Fort St. David.

THURSDAY 20. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR. MATTHEW EMPSON.

Ordered that Pags: 400 be paid to Mr: Danl: [. . .] for one Bill of Exchange dated the 27th: January [. . .] drawn by the Governr: and Councill of Fort St. [. . .]

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The Cheif and Councill of Vizagapatam often complained of the want of a surgeon [. . .] agreed that Mr: John Cotter be Entertained [for the] place, at the usual sallary of thirty six [. . . per] annum and that a small chest of medicine sent out of the stores, or bought if [wanted :]

Generall Letter to Fort St. David of yesterdays date read.

There being a Bill of Lading signed by Mr: Edwards Purser of the Russell frigat for a [. . .] to Capt: Richard Laycocke, or the Lieutenant Generall of India, for which he produceing the [. . .] Laycocks commander of ship America [. . .]for the same, the Bill of Lading is discharged.

It is ordered that the same be delivered to Capt : Blundell.

Mr: Edward Tredcroft Provl: Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 500 on that account.

Ordered that Pags: two hundred be paid to Mr: Edwd: Tredcroft being for the Interest of two thousand Pags: for one year ending the 5th: Instant.

Ordered that the following particulars be provided and Laden by the warehousekeeper for Vizagapatam upon the Russell friggat.

Broad Cloth ordinary	Bales	4
Aurora	...	1
Perpetuanoes fine	...	3
Ditto ordinary	...	3
Cloth Rashes	...	1
Gun powder country	Candy	2
Cotton	do.	1

The Governour acquaints the Councill that having been informed that severall of the Casts of ye: Town have altered 'and chosen Cheifs among themselves without the knowledge or approbation of the Government, ordered the Chief Peon to summon them to appear this day, and a List of their names being taken and now produced, they were sent for, but begining to call them over by said List it appeared that they were not Entred in due order of Precedency, and therefore they were ordered to meet tomorrow and correct the same.

Mr: Chardin having offered to pay down [. . .] thousand for rupees at the rate of 344 for [. . .] to be delivered in March. It is agreed that [the] offer be accepted.

A parcell of wax figures having lay in the Godown for a considerable time, and we [Sold] last year for a great Losse at an outcry being [. . .] by lyeing, and three boxes being now received by ship King William, it is ordered, to [prevent] like loss by their decay, that they be sold [by] outcry.

Ordered that Thomas Addams be Entertained in the Gun room Crew.

Mr: Styleman accquainting that [Rawdon] offers to pay one hundred Pags: as a fine [to the] Cheif measurer, upon Condition that [. . .] from the disgracefull Punishment [. . .] It is resolved that the same be accepted within Eight days, and then Verapa to [. . .] Mr: Fraser doeth excuse himselfe from [. . .] vote in this matter.

The Paymaster is ordered to muster the men of shipps King William and [. . .] ffriggat on Monday next.

Ordered that Mr: Matthew Empson doe provide Ten garse of old salt, to be kept for the West Coast wth: as many matts as are necessary.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WM : FRASER.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to the Govr: & Councill of Fort St: David of yesterdays date, Incloseing Invoice and Bill of Lading for what sent by the St: David Yatch &a: papers as ℔ List. 20.

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Ship new Morning Starr William Brooks Command^r: arrived from Canton in China.

M^r: Richard Salaway a writer who came out upon ship ffleet ffriggat Died last night of a Flux.

This morning ship Simon sailed for Vizagapatam.

24TH. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^LL: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUTEN^T: GEN^L: OF INDIA.

M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER

M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT M^R: MATTHEW EMPSON.

M^r: Thomas Wright reports the muster of Shipps King William and Russell ffriggat to be, the first 122 : men and the latter fiftey four men.

Rama Kisna pays into the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^s: Cash Pag^s: fifty, and Pag^s: fifty for the Poor being [. . .] Verapa the cheif measurer. It is ordered that the fifty Pag^s: be deliverd to the Justices of the Choultry to be distributed amongst the poor people that [are] most necessitous in Paddy.

The mint people having delayed for eight days to make assay of some silver delivered to be refined, they were sent for and after [Several] discourse an offer made them, that for every [. . .] ounces of standard silver they should deliver two ounces five sixteenths refined [10] rupees against which they made many scruples [. . .] were ordered to consider further among the [. . .] and to give their possitive answer this [night].

M^r: Stone the assaymaster being advised [. . .] it as his opinion, that that is the highest the minters can possibly comply w^th: and [that] to be the most convenient method to [ascertain the] proportion of Rupee matt deliverable [. . .] hundred ounces standard, whereby the [. . .] their cheating, and a greater Losse in [. . .] be prevented, for w^ch: reasons if they will [. . .] w^th: y^e: said proposal, it is better to allow them [. . .].

The Governour acquainting that the Armenians having offered to buy Ship Elizabeth under a condition that she shall after their intended Voyage for China and this place is finished be returned to us if we require it, at the same value as they now pay according to the condition she shall be then found in by surveigh. It is agreed that their offer be accepted, if they will give four thousand five hundred Pag^s: for her.

The minters give answer that they will make a trial of a few Ingotts of silver, that they may bee assured whether they can comply w^th: y^e: proposed Contract.

Ordered that the warehousekeep^r: unlade no more then halfe the Lead from ship King William till further order.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

24. Ship Tobaccally belonging to the Moors [. . .] Road from Bengall.

25. Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^t: David dated the 19^th: & 22^nd: Instant, w^th: copies of two Protest [. . .] the Dutch, and copy of their agreement w^th: [. . .] Bollegee Puntolo for coining of Pag^s: and [fanams].

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ATT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY [27TH]

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENL: OF INDIA.
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Ordered that Pags: 994: be paid to Kittee [Narrain] being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by [the President] and Councill of Fort St: David dated ye: [. . .].

The Beetle and Tobacco farmers [paid] into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 645; on the [. . .] and the Arrac farmers Pags: 166: 24: on [. . .].

Ordered that Pags: one thousand be paid Mr: Wright Paymaster for defraying chargs: [. . .].

The Warehousekeepr: acquainting [Wallachy] Chittee and Mutella offer to take 150 [Candys] at Pags: 9: 18: fanams ℔ Candy at one [month's notice].

It is ordered that he doe deliver the same [. . .] takeing their obligation for the same.

The warehousekeeper reports the [. . .] cloth damaged by ship Russell frigat [. . .]. Ten pieces in three bales and Broad cloth ordinary Twenty-one pieces in Eleven bales wch: appear to be ship damage[d] as by the said report entred after this Consultation.

Capt: Blundell being sent for and acquainted therewith, doeth own that he and his Purser were present at the said survey, but doeth not own that the cloth is damaged by the ship, but alledges that it might be damaged (before Laden) in the Lighters.

There being near one hundred bales lay'd aside suspected to be damaged by ship King William. It is ordered that the Warehouskeepr: Mr: Empson, Mr: John Penford and Mr: Thomas Lovell doe examine and report the same so soone as it can be done, giveing the Commander notice that he or some persons appointed by him be present at said survey and that all the cloth damaged by both ships be sold at publick outcry on Friday the 6th: March, whereof the Commanders to have notice, that in case they shall thinke it sells to cheap, they may buy it for the owners accot: and the amount of the Damage to be stated by the difference between the prizes of the sale and the following prizes Vizt: Broad Cloth ordinary Pags: 20: Aurora 40: Cloth Rashes 17: Perpetuanoes fine 13: and ordinary pa: 7 ℔ ps.

There being severall Blacke Merchants [. . .] of this place, who have in late years drove a [. . .] trade in St: Thoma, particularly Wallachy [Chittee &] Colloway Chittee, who have both bought [Houses &] Godowns there, and the former a Godown [at] Pollicat, but they make their residence here [. . .] enabled to carry on their trade cheifly by [money] borrowed of the English and other Inhabitants.

It is therefore propounded to consideration for the said trade of these men may prejudice the trade of this place, and by what method [. . .] be restrained, It seems the more necessary [. . .] time, because there are three ships late [. . .] at St: Thoma, and another expected belonging to the King of Siam and Moors of Mergen, and [. . .] reported that the Kings of Siams ffactors settling a factory at St: Thoma.

Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated 22d [. . .] Instants being read, and that part of [. . .] to a difference between the Governr: [& Councill] of Fort St: David and the Cheif &ca: of [the Factory] at Tevenepatam concerning [. . .] who run from the Dutch at Porto Novo [. . .] Entertained by the English at Fort [. . .] ran from them, and was Entertained by the Dutch at Tevenepatam, was Debated in order to the writeing

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Letters to the Governour and Councill of Fort St : David and the Governour of Negapatam.

The Governour acquaints that Cojee Aveneus advised him the contents of a letter received from his son in Goa last night Dated $\frac{22^{th}:\ Dec^{r}:}{1\ Jan^{ry}}$ last adviseing that seven french ships were there, and had taken in wood and water and were proceeding for Surrat, where they would stay a short time, and then come for these Parts of India, and the Peon that brought the Letter sai's that they were gone from Goa before he sett out.

Ordered that Trivitore, Attipollam & Cundore Mud Points, and the river spur be demolished, & that the Clay &ca : be made use of for ye : strengthening of the mud walls and raising a step at the Basis of the inside thereof to such a height and breadth, and in such manner as may be convenient for ye : useing of small arm's. The reasons whereof are that the said Points are not defensible against an Europe Enemy unlesse we had a greater numbr : of men to spare, and would be usefull for ye : Enemy and the step will be usefull against [. . .].

The water in the river being now low it is ordered that the cutt river be cleared [to . . .] Depth.

The Paymaster is ordered to put the two [former] orders in execution wth : Expedition.

Monsr : Claudius Masson, who came [. . .] the six ships that destroyed the Herbert [. . .] and fought in this road in the year 1690 [. . .] Pollicherry to St. Thoma and from thence [. . .] where he hath continued ever since [. . .] Voyage to Bengall and Acheen, The [. . .] of his comeing hither was reported [to . . .] which his family in France has [. . .] Estate of Mr : James Paiva deceased, [. . .] he forbore prosecuting the demand [. . .] Yale was in place, fearing he would [. . .] the widdows cause, since wch : Mr : [. . .] not made application to any of us, for [. . .] and because he is reputed a Bigot [. . .] upon some occasions comes to our [. . .] is known to be a man of good Ingen[uity] particularly well skilled in Draught [. . .] tions, and hath all along carried [. . .] that cunning subtilty, that tho : [doe not . .] his designe, yet cannot but [. . .] a spye, and if it be true that the [. . .] have any designe upon this place, [. . .] hath intelligence thereof.

It is therefore resolved to be necessary for [the] security of the place, that his Person be forth wth : secured and his house searched for Papers written Books and Arm's, wch : are all to be secured in Chests and Boxes sealed and brought to the Fort in order to be examined, and that Mr : Wright and Mr : Empson goe to his house and see it done, and take care that nothing be Embezled by those that goe with them, nor violence nor incivility offer'd to his person if he submits. But if he refuseth Lieutenant Seaton and six souldiers are ordered to goe wth : them to assist in the Execution thereof, and the following order given to him for that purpose Vizt :

You are hereby ordered to take wth : you a file of Musketiers, and to goe to the House of Mr : Claudius Masson and to take his person into your custody, and to assist Mr : Thomas Wright and Mr : Matthew Empson of our Councill, in ye : searching of his house for written Books and papers and Arm's and secureing his person, wherein [you will] follow their directions.

A Bengall ship belonging to the Moors brought about seventy Garse of rice very [. . .] the owners will not sell under Pags : 40 [. . .] It is ordered that the same be bought at [. . .] price, and halfe thereof reserved for a [. . .] Hired Godown of the Merchants, and [the other] halfe distributed among the Inhabitants [. . .] they want it for a store, at the rate of [. . .] a Garse, and that some person be appointed [to take] care of said rice, and to be

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account [. . .] delivery, allowing him four ℔ Cent [. . .] in six months.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
THO : WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

The Examination of the Russell Friggats Bales—Long Cloth ordinary.

January— N°: 730 One piece Damaged thorough halfe the piece.
726 Five pieces Damaged and stayned.
698 One piece Damaged thrô the Crease of the cloth.
Aurora 635 Six pieces Damaged being pack'd on board ship the surplices all rotten and stayned.

February— 702 One piece rubbed thrô the crease of the cloth.
756 One piece Damaged the surplices rotten.
729 One piece Ditto.
728 Six pieces damaged thrô the crease of all the cloth and surplices rotten.
733 One piece Ditto.
626 Two pieces a little damaged.
715 One piece damaged the surplice worne away and rotten.
Aurora 643 Two pieces stayned the surplices damaged and rotten.
710 One piece burned thrô: the crease of the Cloth.
Aurora 634 Two pieces discouler'd in ye: Crease, surplices rotten.

All the above mentioned goods being opened in the presence of the Captain of said ship and his Purser, and the outside Package belonging to the above mentioned pieces being damaged and rotten, as allsoe the sundry Burkrams wee doe believe all the above mentioned is ship damage.

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WILLIAM FRASER.
THOMAS LOVELL.

Ship Mahomadee, Sidee Nocqueda arrived [. . .] Ship Mackerell John Tyler Master arrived [. . .] from Tringombarr. 27

Sloop Chundry Shekum belonging to [. . .] came into this road from Fort St. David. 28

Ship Nos Senhora de Boã: Vista Don Theodore arrived in this road from Manilha. 29

The Councill met to ℔use & Signe a Genll: Letter to Fort St. David [. . .] This & Yesterdays date allso a Letter from the Lieutenant Generall to Govr: Pitt of this date, [both the] Letters were sent away this Evening.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St. David [dated] 25th: & 26th: Instants wth: a Letter from ye: Govr: &a.

MARCH THE ℔MO.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St. David dated the 27th: past wth: a Letter from Govr: [. . .] Govr: & Councill of Fort St. David [. . .]

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St. David dated 28th: past. 2

ATT A CONSULTATION TUESDAY 3.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENL: OF INDIA.
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Ordered that Pags: three hundred [. . .] Thomas Wright, being for one [. . .] drawn by the Governr: & Councill [. . .] dated 29th: February as advised in their [. . .] Letter of ditto date now received.

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William Willimot having Entered himselfe in y^e: service of Cojee Gregorie Armenian on a Ship which hath not taken an English Passe, He was sent for and ordered not to proceed on said Ship w^{th}: out she tooke an English Pass as usual.

Emaun Cooley and Alle Bux Servants of Nabob Zulphaker Cawn comeing to Town Yesterday w^{th}: about 50 Horse and 50 Balears, Leaving their men at a Choultrey by the river came themselves w^{th}: one Horseman and brought a letter from the Nabob, which being translated the Purport appears to be, That having received no supply from the King, he wants money for severall occasions and therefore demands the Loan of one hundred thousand Pag^s: for w^{ch}: he sends a Pawn of Jewells as a security till the money is repaid out of any part of the countrey wee shall desire to be assigned for that purpose being freinds soe long.

Concerning which it is noted that the demand is unusuall and contrary to y^e: salabad practised in the King of Golconda's time, If the money demanded or any part thereof be Lent 'twill never be repaid, for if wee take the Pawns we can't sell them, and if the Nabob be displeased his successor will demand the Jewells as belonging to the King, or if the Moratta's overcome the [. . .] they will make the like demand.

If the Nabob continues it can't be expected he will repay the money, but will evade it [. . .] tending the Mogulls orders or some others [. . .]

Issa Cooley Armenian in his Letter received dated the 25^{th}: December 95 adviseth that the Mogull had given Zulphaker Cawn orders against Madrass [. . .] probably he proceeds upon some orders from y^e: King and takes this course to begin a quarrel with [. . .] But whether the Nabob means freindly or not it is resolved that wee cannot lend the sum̃e demand[ed] nor any part thereof, upon those terms [. . .] besides the loss of the sum̃e lent, the very [. . .] money in such manner, will render [. . .] the like future demands of his successor [. . .].

The Nabobs designe not being under[stood] for the present resolved that Emaun Cooley [be . . .] treated, and that Ramapa carry Eight or [. . .] in Provisions and discourse w^{th}: him in [. . .] out his meaning and put of his [. . .] answer till tomorrow morning.

Emaun Cooley having desired a [House] accommodation in the Blacke Town [. . .] Fort. It is resolved not fitt to be [granted] [. . .] are well assured that they do not designe to quarrel.

The Governour and severall of the Councill on ffriday caused M^r: Massons Papers to be inspected and some of them to be perused by M^r: Dolben, who understands french, in which there appears some Passages w^{ch}: renders it requisite to make a further Examination.

It is ordered that M^r: Wright and M^r: Empson doe proceed in examining all the papers calling Pelheim Cholwith to their assistance, and desireing M^r: Dolben allsoe to assist therein as his leasure will permitt.

M^r: Wright being acquainted by the Master of ship Elizabeth that there is a defect in her Rudder and stern Post, Hee is ordered to desire $Capt^t$: [Thwaites] and Cap^t: Blundell to goe aboard said ship, and to take Carpenters w^{th}: them to survey the same, [. . .] Cap^t: Herron, Cap^t: Pennistone and Cap^t: Legat, soe many of them as can goe tomorrow morning.

M^r: William Fraser $Warehousekeep^r$: read his $acco^{ts}$: of the warehouse for the month of Jan^{ry}: last.

M^r: Jeremiah Peachy being in the Custody [of] the Marshall at the suit of M^r: Alvarez, and [out] of respect to him having permitted him the [. . .] chambers belonging to the officers of y^e: [. . .] w^{ch}: is now wanted for Lieutenant Hugonin [. . .] M^r: Peachy refuseing to quit said Lodgeings, [. . .] he and his necessaries are removed by force [. . .] Paymaster is ordered to direct the Marshall to remove him from thence to such other Lodgeings as he hath for the use of Prisoners, and to see his necessaries Pack'd up and sent to his other Lodgeings.

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The Rt: Honble: Company in their Generall Letter dated the 6th: March 1694 having ordered Ensigne Hetch[tester] to be paid ⅔ of three pound ℘ mensem reckoning [thirteen] months to the year, and our Garrison here being paid at twelve months to the year. It is ordered that the Paymaster doe pay him Pags: 4 :30: fanams [. . .] of ⅔ of his pay which wth: his Diet at the [Table . . .] make it equal to the others Ensignes [. . .].

Godfrey Woodward and Martin [having] been long confined in the fort upon [information] of a considerable quantity of Gold belonging to the Moors, being lost or Embezled when their [. . .] was cast away at Armagon, comeing from [. . .] but the feared complaints of the Moors [. . .] of the Government on that accot: being not [. . .] after so long time It is ordered that their [. . .].

Ordered that Blanke Commissions be prepared for a Capt:, Lieutenant and Ensigne of the Trained Bands Vizt: Mr: William Fraser Captain Mr: John [. . .] Lieutenant and Mr: Richard Trenchfeild Ensigne.

Ordered that the Warehousekeepr: doe dispose[of] soe many Ingotts of Silver as he can not exceed [ing] ffortey thousand Pags: at the rate of 14: oz. 12: dwt. standard by Invoice for ten Pags:

Mr: Styleman produces Timapa's answer to the Joint Stocke Merchants demand, consisting of thirty one pages, wherein he alledgeth that an [. . .] formerly stated by the Joint stocke merchants made his family Debtor 9758: 3 : 4: was stated with a Proviso that all Errors afterwards found out should be allowed, and Timapa proceeds to give his accot: of Errors and to state an accot: Currant, where he makes the old Joint Stocke Merchants Debtors [. . .] his family 9122 Pags: besides the accots: of the old Joint Stocke Merchants remaines unfinished.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WM: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

4. Delivered a Pass to William Willimot for ship [Ma]dapollam belonging to ye: Armenians bound to Bengall.

ATT A CONSULTATION — THURSDAY 5.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENANT GENL: OF INDIA.
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN — MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT — MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Ordered that Benjamin Wellman be Entertain'd in the Gun roome for one year.

Mr: John Foquet Rentall Generall pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 320 on accot: Quit rents &ca:

Ordered that Pags: one thousand be paid to Mr: Thomas Wright Paymr: for defraying charges Garrison.

Mr: Wessondonck delivering a paper signed by him and wife, complaining against Muttam [. . .] scandalous and abusive reflections on their [. . .].

It is recommended to the Judge of the Court [. . .] to doe him Justice.

Mr: Dolben &ca: owners of Ship Morning [Starr . . .] to take thirty thousand Pags: Silver Ingott [. . .] of 14: oz. 15 dwt. standard ℘ Invoice and to pay [. . .] Pags: in a weeke and ten thousand in a month [. . .]. It is ordered that the Warehousekeepr: doe the [. . .] same. Because we want present

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money [. .. .] our Debts at Interest and to Supply Fort [. . .] and Vizagapatam.

The Paymaster produces the report of the survey of Ship Elizabeth, by Cap^{t}: Thwaits &c^{a}: Commander as Entred after this Consultation.

The Paymaster is ordered to take care that said Ship be repaired as far as can be done here.

M^{r}: William Fraser Warehousekeep^{r}: pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 880 on acc^{t}: goods sold.

The Warehousekeep^{r}: reports 134 pieces of Europe Cloth damaged by Ship King William, and the Commander of said Ship and the Russell ffriggat being sent for and discoursed concerning the said Damage. They offer to take the Damaged cloth[on]the owners acco^{t}: according to Charterparty, but the charterparty being perused, the Paragraph [concerning] damaged goods seeming to relate only to goods laden homewards, and there being no other directions, [in the] Charterparty relating to goods Laden in England and India. It is considered that these damaged goods are a part of the stocke sent to India and ought to be received here, and therefore it is offered to the Commanders to deliver them the said damaged goods if they will pay us here 13$^{s.}$: 6$^{d.}$: for 9$^{s.}$: Invoice price which they refuse to pay.

It is further proposed to the said Commanders that the said Damaged cloth be sold at [outcry . . .] they may be present, and if they thinke it cheap, they may buy as others, and the [difference] be computed to be the difference between the [. . .] of outcry, and the lowest price of cloth of same sorts not damaged, w^{ch}: the Commanders doe not accept of.

The Commanders being further ask'd to propound any other method for ascertaining the damage, they answer they know of none, but the delivery of y^{e}: cloth to them upon the Charterparty terms.

Ordered that the Warehousekeepe^{r}: doe tare of from the severall pieces such parts as are damaged, and deliver them together wth: such whole pieces as are damaged throughout to the respective Commanders, makeing an acco^{t}: of the Yards and number of the bales and prices [. . .] the accomptant is to draw out the amount of the Invoice value, and charge the [. . .] ffiftey ℔ Cent advance to the acco^{t}: of the owners in the generall Books, Copy whereof be remitted to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company by [. . .] and that the Warehousekeep^{r}: doe take the [. . .] convenient time to sell the remainder of [. . .] cloth at outcry, that the acco^{t}: thereof [. . .].

There being a Chest of Medicines offerd [. . .] Vizagapatam Factory, It is ordered that D^{r}: Buck[ley]and D^{r}: Brown doe view the same, and if it is according to the List produced, then the Paymas^{r}: is ordered to pay Pag^{s}: forty five for said Chest.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

Wee the subscribers by the request of the Lieutenant Generall have accordingly been aboard of the ship Elizabeth upon a survey and find her in the condition as viz^{t}:

First we find the defect of the rudder not so bad [. . .] that it may be secured for a voyage outward [. . .] where the rudder may be unhung and better secured.

Secondly that her sheat[h]ing all between wind and water afore and abaft is very bad, and likewise [. . .] to be repaired at the first place where there

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is conveniency, and what can be done here ought [. . .] as for the Hull of the ship to outward appearance is very well.

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JAMES THWAITS.
WILLIAM BLUNDELL.
GEORGE HERRON.
ANTHONY PENN[ISTONE].
WILLIAM LEGAT.

Upon examination of the Bales of Europe cloth received from England ℘ ship King William [. . .] James Thwaits Commander the following [were] found to be ship damaged.

Broad cloth ordinary	Bales	13:	Pieces	27
Aurora	„	10:	„	33
Cloth Rashes	„	1:	„	1
Perpetuanoes ordinary	„	4:	„	31
Sayes	„	6:	„	42
	Bales	34:	Pieces	134

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WILLIAM FRASER.
MATTHEW EMPSON.
THOMAS LOVELL.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the second Instant. 6

Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 5th: Instant wth: two Letters from Francis Van [. . .] to Capt: Troughton, and a souldier at Fort St: David declareing the manner of his being entised [. . .] Dutch Factory and there made Drunk, and sent to [. . .] 8

The St: David Yatch John Campion Master [. . .] from Fort St: David. 9

This morning ship St: Pedro Capt: Manuel [. . .] Commander arrived in this road from Fort St: David and Maccoa by said ship [. . .] from the Govr: and Councill of Fort St: David [. . .] they had drawn a Bill upon us for 2500 pa: Payable: to [. . .] 10

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Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTT: GENLL: OF INDIA — TUESDAY 10.

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN — MR: WILLIAM FRASER

MR: THOMAS WRIGHT — MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Ordered that the Warehousekeepr: cause the Bales of Broad cloth &ca: ordered on the 17th: Instant for Bengall and Vizagapatam, to be forthwith Laden on ye: Russell ffriggat, and that so many rupees be Laden on her for Bengall as can be coined by Saturday night at [the] same time the ship to be dispatched, and Ten thousand Pags: and four thousand new Madrasse rupees for Vizagapatam.

Mr: William Fraser Warehousekeepr: pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 850 on accot: goods sold.

Ordered that Pags: one thousand be paid Mr: John Styleman, being for so much borrowed on the [. . .] ffebruary last payable upon demand.

The Lieutenant Generall read his accot: of the Rt: Honble: Compr: Cash for the month of February the Balance being Pags: 28: 22: 5.

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Ordered that Pags; five thousand, be sent to Fort St: David by the St: David Yatch.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

THURSDAY 12.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENL: OF INDIA.
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Mr: Thomas Wright Paymr: read his accot for the month of January last ꝑticulars vizt :—

Charges Garrison	Pags:	879:	22
Charges Generall	,,	429:	27
Charges Merchandize	,,	11:	19
Charges Cattle	,,	55:	30
Charges Dictt	,,	764:	14
Fort St. David	,,	20:	3
Fortifications and repairs	,,	152:	...
Vizagapatam Factory	,,	7:	7
Yegmore &ca. New Towns	,,	...	18
	Pags:	2,320	32

John Dolben Esqr: &ca owners of ship Morning Star pay into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 13788: 11: [. . .] on accot: of silver sold them ꝑ Consultation 5th: instant.

Mr: Edward Tredcroft Provl: Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 700: on accot [. . .] and Mr: John Meverell Pags: 207: 26: 2: on [. . .] Town conicoplies Duty for 8 months as [. . .].

Ordered that Pags: 1650: 25: fanams be paid to [. . .] Esqr: Lieutenant Generall pa: 614: 20: is [. . .] of his accot: in the Books and pa: 36: 5: for [. . .] on pa: 414: 20: from the 30th: April last and [. . .] thousand payable upon demand.

Mr: John Meverell pays into the [Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash] pa: 343: 35: 2: on acct: of the Peddenaigues duty for eight months as ꝑ his accot.

An answer to the Nabobs Letter read and approved to be delivered Emaun Cooley when he requires the same, and the nature of the Nabobs demand and ye: present circumstances of the Camp being considered, It is upon the question resolved that a small Present of about 220 Pags: in Rarities be offered to Emaun Cooley for the Nabob, and about 700 Rupees to Emaun Cooley and his two companions, that they may not goe away wth: a grudge against us, but represent our reasons to the Nabob for not Lending him money [. . .] if they refuse, it will give us just reason to suspect that the Nabob has a designe to quarrel wth: us if they accept it, we may hope for the continuance of his freindship, which is at this time ye: more necessary in respect to the directions which the Rt: Honble: Compa: give us in their last generall Letter, for getting the assistance from the Moors in case the French should attack this place or Fort St: David.

The warehousekeepr: is ordered to deliver fine Long Cloth to ye: following Painters to be painted on ye: same terms [. . .] other company of Painters

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Vizt: Suncha Mueally, [Mooda] Verago, Gualy Neltombe, Paudee Pancka Comitee.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

Ship Jaganaykooly arrived from Fort St. David.

Ship Success John Morgan master arrived from Fort St. David, by whom recd: a Generall Letter from [. . .] & Councill dated the 9th: Instant.

Ship Mahomadee arrived in this road from [. . .] St: David Yatch John Campion master sailed for Fort St: David by whom sent a Generall Letter of this date Incloseing Invoice and Bill of Lading for treasure and stores sent upon her.

This Evening recd: a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 11th: Instant.

ATT A CONSULTATION — SATURDAY 14.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENL: OF INDIA
MR JOHN STYLEMAN — MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR THOMAS WRIGHT — MR MATTHEW EMPSON

Generall Letter to Fort St. David dated the 12th & [13th] Instants, and to Vizagapatam and Bengall dated this day, read and approved, Mr: Fraser only do [. . .] object against Robert Reays being appointed as a[n] Ensigne at Fort St: David, which our [. . .] leaves to the Governr: and Councill [. . .]

Ordered that Pags: Eight and thirty [. . .] be paid to Mr: Edward Thompson and [. . .] thirty three fanams and two Cash to [Mr:] Morrice being for halfe a years [. . .] the 25th: Instant.

John Dolben Esqr: &ca: owners of Ship Morning Star pay into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 3,212: on accot: of silver sold them by Consultation of ye: 5th: Instant.

Capt: Blundell Commander of ship Russell ffriggat complaining of the misbehaviour of his Cheif Mate Mr: William Thaxton. They were heard and the Captain alledging that severall officers of the ship could give Evidence. The further consideration thereof we referred till the officers come ashore and be examined.

NATH HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort St. David dated the 12th: & 13th: Instants. 14

Received a Generall Letter from the Dutch Cheif &ca: [. . .] of yesterdays date.

ATT A CONSULTATION — MONDAY 16.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENL: OF INDIA.
MR JOHN STYLEMAN — MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR THOMAS WRIGHT — MR MATTHEW EMPSON.

Mr: William Keeling delivers a paper dated this day complaining of severall abuses, Damages and [losses] sustained by him from Messrs: Watts and [Farmer

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on] acco^t: of Losses amount to Tale 10,003 : 7 : 5 : and [. . .] Debts owing to him in Tonqueen amount [. . .] severall copies of Letters and Protests relating [to] said difference all which are ordered to be [entered] in the Copy Booke of Letters.

The Judge having taken the Examinations of Abraham Parrot second Mate William Wingfeild third Mate, Thomas Smith Boatswain, Thomas Skey Carpenter, Robert Brown fourth Mate, Thomas Waddington midshipman, John Vassall Gunners Mate, and Patrick Linsey Gunn^r upon oath [. . .] writing now produced, the Commander & cheif mate and said Deponents were sent for and the said Depositions read in their hearing, after [. . .] at M^r: Thextons request they were read a second time, that he might give answer to [them] one after another.

By the said Depositions it doeth [appear] the Matters of fact charged by the Commander of the Chief Mate as true, and are allso [. . .] by M^r: Thexton himselfe in substance, [. . .] upon a Difference in some circumstances.

Att Tenerife.

The Cap^t: asking him why he did not send [the] Crew ashore, M^r: Thexton answered I will not looke after the Boats Crew, I am not your boy I am your Cheif Mate.

Att Fort S^t: David.

That when he gave order to the Boatswaine (M^r: Thexton being not present) for fireing of Guns at the Dutch off from on board ship, M^r: Thexton tooke occasion to say to the Captain in the hearing of the other officers, Dammee, am not I your Cheif Mate, they shall not fire.

Att Fort St: George.

That the Cap^t: sent aboard to M^r: Thexton an ord^r: for letting noe goods come aboard ship without his or the Councills order, a copy of w^ch: order being [ꝑduced] M^r: Thexton owns the receipt of it.

And the Capt: produces a note signed by M^r: Thexton directed from the store to M^r: Wingfeild third Mate aboard, ordering him to receive Ten Tubbs of Thea of his, adding, [and for the Cap^ts: order you need take noe notice of that being directed to mee].

M^r: Wingfeild acknowledges that he received said note, and upon receipt, he and M^r: Parrot second mate and the Boatswaine considered what to doe w^th: the Thea, for they did not understand y^e: meaning of it, because M^r: Thexton had never acquainted them w^th: the Command^rs: order when he left y^e: ship.

Captain Thwaits Command^r: of the Ship King William doeth declare that in the Voyage out he had [severall] times observed M^r: Thexton to behave himselfe [. . .] Huffingly to Capt: Blundell in such manner [as] is not to be bor'n by a Commander.

Upon the whole it is our unanimous opinion that M^r: William Thexton ought and be discharged from ship Russell Frigat, and [that] the Commander [. . .] take care that all belonging to him in the ship be delivered to him, or his order w^th: out Embezled but that he be not permitted to goe aboard y^e: ship himselfe, the Commander acquainted [he was] informed by his Doct^r: that M^r: [. . .] that if he could but gett aboard ship [. . .] souldiers in Town should not bring [. . .] aforementioned papers are order'd to be Entred [. . .]

Ordered that Pag^s: one thousand be paid [. . .] being for so much borrowed y^e: 28^th: Dec^r: last payable [. . .]

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

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Dispatch'd a Generall Letter of this date to the R^{t} : Worspl : Adrian Visser 16.
Cheif &c^{a} : Councill at Pollicat in [answer] to theirs dated 13th : Instant.

Ship S^{t} : Jude belonging to the Armenians [arrived] in this road from 17.
Manilha.

Rec^{d} : a Generall Letter from fort St : David dated the 14th : Instant.

ATT A CONSULTATION — THURSDAY 19.

Present

THE HON^{BLE} : NATH^{L} : HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} : LIEUTEN^{T} : GEN^{L} : OF INDIA.
M^{R} : JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R} : WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R} : THOMAS WRIGHT M^{R} : MATTHEW EMPSON.

M^{r} : Edward Tredcroft Prov^{ll} : Sea Customer pays into the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Companys Cash Pag^{s} : one thousand on y^{t} : acco^{t} :

M^{r} : Edmund Mountague Prov^{l} : Land Customer paid into the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Companys Cash Pag^{s} : 112 on y^{t} : acc^{t} : and read his acco^{ts} : for the month of February last particulars Viz^{t} :

Choultrey Custom	Pag^{s} :	94 : 6 : 25
Trivelcane Custom	„	0 : 10 : 40
Rubie Brokers	„	3 : 30 : 74
Cloth Brokers	„	15 : 21 : 64
	Pag^{s} :	113 : 33 : 43

John Dolben &c^{a} : owners of ship Morning Starr pay into the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{s} : Cash Pag^{s} : 2999 : 25 fanams on acco^{t} : of silver sold them by Consultation of the 5th : Instant.

Ordered that Pag^{s} : 2751 : 20 : 3 be paid to M^{r} : Daniel Chardin being for
ca md. lb.
30 : 11 : 11 : of Benjamin Bought of him the 25th : January last at Pag^{s} : ninety ℘ Candy.

The Armenians having refused the proposall made to them for hireing ship Elizabeth ; since the owners of ship Morning Star have made proposals for takeing her on freight for China and Persia. It is resolved that the following offer be made to them Viz^{t} : That they take the ship as she is and repair her in China Her Rudder, stern Post and sheathing. That they Deposite 4,000 Pag^{s} : and upon their delivery of the ship to receive backe 3,000 Pag^{s} : But if she be not delivered before y^{e} : last of June 1697 they are to pay from that time Pag^{s} : 130 ℘ mensem till the time of her delivery, and the difference between the value of the stores belonging to her now and then [. . .] concerted by an indifferent valuation.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
J^{o} : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
THO : WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t} : David dated the 17th : Instant. 19.

Last night Ship Russell frigot Cap^{t} : William [Marmaduke] Commander 20.
sailed for Vizagapatam by whome sent Generall Letters to the Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam and to the Agent and Councill of Bengall both Dated the 14th : Instant &c^{a} : [. . .].

Ship Chedrou Shelam belonging to the Moors arrived in this road from 20.
Ballasore Laden [. . .] Eman Cooley sending word to the Governour he designs to depart for S^{t} : Thoma to day [. . .] that he may pass with his Lumber by the side, but would speake wth : Ramapa [. . .] sent Ramapa to him, who brings word [to] Emaun Cooley doth urge that he is a [. . .] goe without somthing, and therefore [beg] some way may be found out that he [. . .] but five thousand Pag^{s} : wth : him, and [. . .] will give any

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security to the merchants [. . .] Lend it, besides the pawn of Jewells, either of Towns, or the Junckan of Ipere, [They] being of great advantage if it can be [proved]. It was propounded to the consideration of Councill, whether the advantage will [over] balance the hazard of looseing the money [. . .] resolved that a trial be made whether [. . .] Rama, Nelle Tombe, and Vincattee puttee accounted [. . .] persons can be perswaded [to] treat wth : Emaun Cooley in their own [names] the lending of him Ten or fifteen thousand Pags : upon the assignment of the Pullemullee [country] by the Nabobs perwanna till ye : money be reimbursed, either for their own accot : or for the Rt : Honble : Comps : accot : as shall be afterwards concerted. But the proposall being made to them, they wholly avoid being concerned in the mannagement of the business, or accepting a Pawn of the Nabobs Jewells or treating with Emaun Cooley, alledging that they shall be hereafter liable to the Duans demand wherein they will be so arbitrary that it may ruine them, which put a stop to any further [. . .] in that proposall.

The nephew of John deMark [. . .] Bengall in ship Jerusalem (lyeing [. . .] to the northward, reports that about [. . .] since there was a fire in Calcutta [. . .] severall Houses and Godowns, wherein the Rt : Honble : Comps : merchants goods were burnt to the value of 200000 Rupees, but he passed the English factory without calling [. . .] brought no Letters from thence, thô he brought [. . .] from the [. . .] french among wch : was [. . .] from Monsr : [. . .] to Mr : Chardin adviseing of [. . .] Dammage by fire, and that the ffrench in Bengall had not then received any news of the french arrivall in India.

Said Armenian ship was Piloted down ye : [. . .] by the french Pilot and brought part of the Cargo for Manilha intending to fill up here.

Cochetore an Armenian arrived here wth : his [. . .] Panevindore who came from Bengall in January for Tringombar, where he delivered 800 baggs Salt-Petre, brought from Bengall upon a [Commission] of 25 ℔ Cent upon the prime cost, besides freight on wch : he received of the Danes[. . .]Pags : ℔ Candy [. . .] Hee reports that at Tringombar the Danes [. . .] advice that one of the french ships is lost [. . .] one of them remains in Surat, and that [. . .] gone from thence 34 days agoe and were missing by the Dutch ships that went to looke for [. . .] But it is supposed if the Dutch had comunicated said news to the Danes, they would allso have communicated it to us.

MONDAY 23.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR : LIEUTENT : GENL : OF INDIA.

MR : JOHN STYLEMAN — MR : WILLIAM FRASER

MR : THOMAS WRIGHT — MR : MATTHEW EMPSON.

Mr : William Fraser warehousekeepr : pays into the Rt : Honble : Comps : Cash Pags : 1,200 on accot : [. . .].

Mr : Wright and Mr : Empson delivers [. . .] sheets of paper being translate Extracts taken by Pelheim Chalwick out of Mr : Claudius Masson's french papers and Books of Letters, by a Cursory view whereof it appearing that there are [more] passages of intelligence fitt to be considered, It is referred to Mr : Fraser to peruse and reduce to proper heads, Extracting what relates only to this place and the Comps : affairs in India and his design in comeing hither.

Mr : Edward Tredcroft Provll : Sea Customer read his accot : of the Sea Customs for the month of February last particulars Vizt :

To Custome on Exported and Imported this month	Pags :	2 : 12 : 68
To Ditto: on Grain Imported	„	9 : 25 : 3
To Auchorage	„	[. .]
	Pags :	[. .]

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The Warehousekeepr: is ordered to sell [. . .] goods at the following rates Vizt:

	Ready money for Six pieces or more.	On a months trust by Bill six pieces or more.	Single or under [six]
Cloth Rashes	Pags: 17: ℔ ps:	Pags: 17½	Pags: [. . .]
Perpetuans; fine	13	„ 13½	[. . .]
Perpetuans: ordinry,	8	„ 8½	[. . .]
Broad Cloth Ordry:	21	„ 21½	[. . .]
Aurora	42	„ 43	[. . .]

Flint ware at one Pagoda ℔ pound, reserving such [of] the flintware as is fitt to make use of for presents [as] shall require.

Ordered that Pags: 1600 be paid for 40 Garse of rice bought by Narrain by order of Consultation 27th: February [by] Mahomoodu for a store.

Walachy Chittee &ca: Beetle and Tobacco farmers pay into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 516: 24: fanams on that accot: and the arrac farmers Pags: 166: 24 fanams on that accot:

Ordered that Pags: one thousand be paid Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Ordered that Pags: 2500 be paid to Anto: [. . .] de Concelho, being for one bill drawn by the Govr: & Councill of Fort St: David as advised in their Generall Letter dated the 7th: Instant.

Ordered that the Sea Customer doe make up acct: of freight for rice Laden by Mr: Enoch [walsh] at Acheen upon ship Mary at the rate of 25 ℔ Ct:

Mr: Dolben &ca: owners of ship Morning Star having been acquainted wth: the proposal of ye: 19th: Inst: concerning ship Elizabeth, doe not agree there to but offer to give bond for the payment of four [. . .] Pags: if the ship doe not returne, or if she be [. . .] to pay sixty Pags: ℔ mensem during the Voyage [. . .] Company to fitt the ship wth: stores out, and the freighters to pay wages repairs &ca: charges [. . .] Voyage Provided if the last owners Seize ye: Ship in the Voyage, the new freighters not to be [. . .] which offer is not accepted, because the charges of fitting out will be considerable and ye: monthly allowance of sixty Pags: is to little.

There having been [many] troubles, stops and other inconveniencies found by experience to attend the farming of Beetle Leaves more then any other farme, It is resolved for the present that the same be laid aside at the expiration of the Cowle on the 25th: Instant, and that instead thereof this following order be appointed Vizt:

That all beetle leaves brought into Town by Oxen or otherwise in greater or lesser quantities be brought to the Choultry, as other goods [are and] that before it be carryed from thence the [. . .] Customer doe take care that one cash be [received] for every ten Leaves, or halfe a fanam [for every] Bundle of four Hundred Leaves wch: [used to be] at one fanam and a quarter or one and [halfe per] Bundle, and that the accot: thereof be [kept] and all persons left free to bring in and [buy or] sell as they please, By which it is [. . .] the Inhabitants will be better satisfied [. . .] clamour raised against the farme of beetle [. . .] will bee removed, and the revenue accrueing thereby, may amount to at least two third of what it is now farmed for, But if there shall appear too great a diminution of the Revenue by that method, the farme may be at any time hereafter when oppertunity offers renewed.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

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23. Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated 20th:

Received a Generall Letter from the Cheif & Councill Vizagapatam dated the 3d: Instant wth: Copies of Diary and Consultations from the 27th: Janry: [. . .] to the 4th: March Ditto and copy of their [. . .] their merchants for an Investment of 30,000 in Long cloth, Salampores, sail cloth & stript: [. . .] wth: two pieces of neckcloths for musters.

24. Ship Sta: Rosa Augustin Hart master and [. . .] arrived in this road from Malacca.

25. Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated 25th:

THURSDAY 26.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Mr: Edward Tredcroft Provll: Sea Customer pays into Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 700 on accot: Sea Customs.

John Dolben Esqr: &ca: owners of Ship Morning Star pay into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 3,000 on accot: of Silver sold them the 5th: Instant.

Ordered that Pags: 581: be paid to Mr: Richard Elliot, and Pags: 160 to Tittee Goapal being for two Bills drawn by the Governour and Council of Fort St: David dated the 23rd: Instant, as advised in their Generall Letter of ditto date payable at 6 days sight.

Ordered that the accomptant doe draw out the accot: of salary due to the Rt: Honble: Comps: servants from the 29th: September 1695 to the 25th: March 1696.

Ordered that the Warehousekeepr: doe deliver to ye: Paymaster four peices of Damaged Broad cloth ordinary to make the souldiers cloths at Pags: 17: ℘ps:

Mr: Farmer having delivered his answer to Mr: Keelings paper of accusations, they were both sent for, and the said answer being read in their hearing and Mr: Keelings further reply taken, and remarks made upon the particular Paragraphs, It doeth appear upon the whole that Mr: Keeling hath asserted many things as true, wch: appear to be false, and suggested other things for which he had no ground, and the only matter of complaint wch: fixed upon Mr: ffarmer is, Mr: ffarmers beating him in Tonqueen but it appears by Mr: Keelings own declaration that it began by provokeing Scurrilous Language on both sides, Mr: Farmer struck him, and upon wch: they fought and Mr: Watts in the Diary suggests they had reason to thinke Mr: Keeling did make his application to the Government of Tonqueen, who imprisoned & fined Mr: Farmer, and Mr: Keeling doeth seem to [. . .] the satisfaction he had for the injury he received thô he disowns the having a hand in the [proceeding].

Mr: Keeling being asked where all ye: Consultations or Diaries of the time of his cheif ship are [. . .] answers that they are left at Tonqueen and not be delivered to any one, nor any thing [. . .] belongs to him, except he goes backe himselfe.

After which he sai's that there are none at Tonqueen, but he delivered all the papers & Bookes he had to Mr: Watts &ca: so that he [sai's] and unsai's.

Upon further Examination he gives answer to the following questions:—

Q.—What was the reason of sending the adventure [on the] Rt: Honble: Comps: accot: by the Junke?

A.—The goods had been damaged by a Tuffo [. . .] endeavour to have them washed but that [. . .] not doe, and therefore dyed severall and [. . .] them on the Junke.

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Q.—By what authority did you send them ?

A.—By order of Consultation. M^{r} : Blackmore & M^{r}: Hunt of Councill.

Q.—Where is the Consultation ?

A.—Att Tonqueen.

Q.—Why did you not bring it with you ?

A.—I could not be admitted to goe for them.

Q.—Where were they ?

A.—I can't tell well my selfe.

Q.—Where is the Bill of Lading and Invoice of goods Laden on the Junke for the Comp^{s} : acco^{t} : ?

A.—The copies are at Tonqueen.

Q.—By what authority did you send these goods of y^{e} : Comp^{s} : ?

A.—By virtue of their Letter in 1688 which gives me power to act, as I thought best for their advantage.

The question being moved what method is to be taken for causeing M^{r}: Keeling to render an acco^{t}:

It is resolved that M^{r}: Styleman doe try by perswasion to induce him to a plain acknowledgement of the truth of his case, and report the same by Thursday next the Second of April.

Ordered that the musters of fine & ordin^{ry} : neckcloths received brown from Vizagapatam be washed and compared with the Fort S^{t} : George musters.

Vincattee the Cheif Dubash of Fort S^{t}: David delivered two hundred rupees mentioned in their Generall Letter of the 23rd Instant, which are delivered to the Warehousekeep^{r}:, and ordered that rupees be Debted in the Generall Books to acco^{t}: Bengall Agency for so much paid by M^{r}: Henry Stanley Cheif &c^{a} : Councill of Ballasore to the Avaldar of Portonovo's son, and thus repaid by him.

M^{r}: Thomas Stables having requested by his attorney M^{r}: Wright, that the acco^{t}: of salary due to his father in England may be drawn out and sent him. It is ordered that the accomptant doe draw it out of the Generall Books.

There being about 50 or 60,000 rupees [still due] for which the Governour acquaints he [. . .] by severall at the rate of 345 for 100 Pag^{s}: It is ordered that they be sold at that rate if it doeth not rise.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: two thousand five [hundred] be paid to M^{r} : Alvaro da fonseca and [Company] for so much borrowed the 17th: February [. . .] upon demand.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
THO : WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

Ship Pegu Merchant, sailed [for Pegu]. 26.

Dispatcht a Generall Letter of [this date . . .] David incloseing invoice of that sent by David Yatch. Allso copy and Translate of Gov^{r}. Pitt and Councill of Negapatams Letter to Fort St. David, dated 18/8 Instant.

Received a Generall Letter from Gov^{r}: Pitt & Councill of Negapatam, 29. dated 31/21 Inst. with an attested copy of their : Letter to the Gov^{r}. & Councill of Fort St. David, dated 18/8 Instant. Allso a letter from the Hon^{ble} : Tho: Van Rhee Gov^{r} : of Ceilon with our Letter to Capt^{n} : Thwaits, dated 20th: December sent overland.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 30.

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^L: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEU^T: GEN^L: OF INDIA.
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT M^R: MATTHEW EMPSON.

M^r: Thomas Wright Paymaster read his acco^ts: for y^e: month of February particulars vizt:

Charges Garrison	Pag^s:	962 : 34
Charges Diett	,,	535 : 2
Charges Generall	,,	427 : 34
Charges Cattle	,,	49 : 32
Yegmore &c^a: New Towns	,,	... : 18
Charges Merchandize	,,	31 : 11
Fort S^t: David	,,	1,026 : 25
Vizagapatam	,,	7 : 7
Garrison Stores	,,	291 : 33
Fortifications & repairs	,,	131 : 5
	Pag^s:	3,464 : 21

M^r: Styleman produces a paper containing his remarks on the Tonqueen Generall Books letter R. to Letter [T] which is now delivered to M^r: Keeling [. . .] to give his answer to the said remarks. Ordered that the Paymaster doe buy [. . .] for the use of the Garrison at the rate of four Pag^s: ℔ Jarr.

Ordered that Pag^s: 2,169: 16 be paid the [. . .] being for one thousand Pag^s: principal [. . .] of her the 29^th: July last at Interest at ten ℔ Cent.

M^r: Daniel Chardin pays into the R^t: Hon: Comp^s: Cash Pag^s: five thousand being for [. . .] sold him at the rate of 344 rupees for [. . .].

M^r: Foquet Rentall Generall his [. . .] payable in India having been for four [or . . .] past stopped towards the discharge of [. . .] the R^t: Hon^ble: Company, but he [. . .] his necessity of receiving his [*a few lines lost here*].

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
M. EMPSON.

A Generall Letter to the Gov^r: and Councill of Negapatam of this date read and signed.

M^r: William Fraser Storekeeper read his acco^t: of stores sold and brought for the months of January and February last.

The Warehousekeeper acquainting us that Vincatadry who supplies the place of Mudra Pilla y^e: Superannuated godown Conicoplie, doeth upon the takeing away y^e: Dustore require five Pag^s: a month wages for himselfe and one p^a: & halfe for his father in Law Mudra Pilla or else to be discharged.

Upon perusall of the Paymasters acco^ts: there [appear] to be wages paid to the following Conicoplies under the Godownkeep^r:

Chinetombe	fan^s:	70	Mudra Pilla ...	fan^s:	53
Vinapa	,,	36	Mootapa	,,	27

Ordered that the Godown Conicoplies wages of [. . .] fanams 30 ℔ mensem, and that two [. . .] be employed as assistants, at such rate as y^e: Warehousekeep^r: approves. [*About 2 lines torn.*]

Memorandum. In the foregoing Consultation [. . .] be noted that M^r: Fraser delivered the Translate of M^r. Massons papers copied in the order of the [. . .] but there being few remarks made, as in [. . .] the order in Consultation of the 23 Inst: [. . .] to the attorney Generall [. . .].

Ship [. . .] from Bengall belonging [. . .] came into the Road, having [. . .] the northward.

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Dispatched a Generall Letter to Gov^r^ : & Councill of Negapatam of this date. Received a letter from the Camp Braminy [. . .] that Emaun Cooley and Alle Bux arrived on the 27th : Inst: the Nabob called the [. . .] men of his army and Divided among them twenty thousand rupees much [. . .] Gov^r^: of Madras before them all for [assistance] with the money, which is a signe that he [. . .] and sent those men hither to gain time [. . .] could gett some. But because he wanted [. . .] that notwithstanding his Politick [. . .] resent our refuseall of Lending [. . .].

Delivered a Pass to ship Satisfaction [. . .] Willock master bound on a Trading [. . .] APRIL. ℔mo :

ATT A CONSULTATION — THURSDAY 2D.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA.
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Govr: Pitt and Councill of Negapatam in their Letter dated [. . .] March last having desired us that Henry [Lafore] who run away from them may be [. . .] Cheif of Pollicat, or to ye: master of sloop [. . .] and promised his pardon, which sloop now arriving here it is ordered that the said souldier be delivered to John Closson the master.

There having been 250 Pags: sent to the Chief at Pollicat in May last to satisfie for 500 Dollars borrowed by Mr: Hamon Gibbons of the Cheif of Paddang, but Governour Pitt &a Councill of Negapatam having advised that the said 500 Dollars were Rix Dollars and by their valuation of sixty stivers to a Dollar and Eighty four to a Pagoda amounts to about 370 Pags: It was therefore resolved to send them 500 Rix Dollars in specie so [many] as they could be procured, which being now bought of Mr: Affleck at the rate of 16½ ℔ tale for ten Pags: amounts to Pags: 300 : 27 fanams. It is ordered that the said sum̃e be paid him, and that the Warehousekeepr: sell him silver at the rate of fourteen ounces fifteen peny weight to that [. . .] and It is ordered that the said five hundred be sent by Mr: Enoch Walsh to Pollicat to be delivered to the Cheif and Councill [on] their delivering him the 250 Pags: former [. . .] this accot: and Mr: Gibbons bill for the same wth : their receipt indorsed on the said Bill.

Mr: William Fraser warehousekeepr: [paid into] the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: six thousand [on accot: of] goods sold and Mr: John [. . .] Rentall Generall Pags: 310 on accot: Quit Rent [. . .].

Ordered that Pags one thousand be paid Mr: Thomas Wright Paymr to defray chargs: Garrison.

Upon perusall of the York Fort Generall dated the 10th February last, the following [. . .] made.

Paragraph the 6th Mr: Fleetwoods Debt to the Rt: Honble: Company being stated amounting to Rys. of ⅝ 8351, by their Consultation the 17th August [besides the] small sum̃es afterwards found.

The attorney Generall is sent for and ordered to [bring] an action against him in the Court of Admiralty for Eight thousand Pags : and if he give not [. . .] security for satisfaction of the Debt, then [. . .] an attachment to that amount [. . .] wherever it can be found.

Ordered that the stores &ca: returned from the Coast by the Mary Buoyer be unladen by Warehouskeepr.

The List of stores wanting for the West Coast being agreed, It is ordered that the same be delivered to the warehousekeeper and Paymaster to provide them.

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Ordered that the value of 7 or 800 ozs. silver be coined into fanams wth: the Mallay inscription to be sent to the West Coast by the first shipp.

Ordered that the following goods be provided for presents by the warehousekeeper vizt:

China or Cazumbuzar silk wth gold & silver flowers	Pieces	10
Bengall silk clouts of about 20 pa ℔ Corge ...	,,	20
Ditto wth gold and silver heads	,,	20
Taffities Red	,,	40
Rosewater	Chest	1
Gobarrs	Pieces	20 or 40
Elatches		20

There being five Coffrey boys sent hither by the Mary Buoyer, It is ordered that they be placed two under the Carpenter, two under the Bricklayer & one under the Cooper or smith, and that the Paymr: doe take care [to provide them victuals] and [cloth] and that they be lock't: up every night.

Mr Fleetwood desireing liberty to give an answr: to the charge of Mr. Barwell &ca: he was asked why he did not deliver up in York Fort. He answers that a copy of the charge was refused him, Mr. Barwell sais' that he ordered the secretary to give him a copy of it, But Mr. Fleetwood alledges that a copy of ye: charge as it was worded was denied him, and therefore [he did not] answer, because he could not give a full answer to all the charge.

Mr. Fleetwood being asked whether he had anything wth him for paying the said demand [if it] should prove true, Hee answers no, but has [left] about four thousand Dollars behind him in the hands of Mr. Philips and Doctor Coote. It was therefore declared to Mr. Fleetwood that since he had avoided answering the charge and produceing sufficient [. . .] for dischargeing the Debt if it proves true, he is referred to the usuall proceedings of ye: Court. But Mr. Fleetwood requesting that he may remain in a chamber in the fort till he can find Bail, and not be committed to Prison he being but just come ashoare, it is for the present granted and the Paymaster ordered to provide him a chamber, but it is declared to him, that ye: officers of the Guard must have orders not to suffer him to goe out without leave.

The Secretary is ordered to cause a copy of Mr. ffleetwoods accot: as it stands Entred in the York Fort Consultation the 17th August 1695, to be delivered to Mr. ffleetwood, that he may no longer pretend that for avoiding an answer.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper Mr. Barwell and Mr. Butterfeild doe looke over all the Dollars designed for the West Coast, and see that none are sent but what are proper for that place.

Mr. Styleman produceing the accot: of sallary due to the Rt. Honble: Comps: servants in India for halfe a year Ending the 25th March 1696, amounting to Pags: 1176 : 1fa: 3ca: the same is ordered to be paid.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
J° : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
CHA : BARWELL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.

2\. Last night Briggantine Acheen merchant coming into this road from Fort St: David and Bengall brought a Generall Letter from the Governour and Councill of Fort St. David dated the 28th past and from the Agent and Councill of Bengall dated the 14th: February 169$\frac{5}{6}$, allso Copy of their Generall Letter dat: 8th: January ℔ ship Sarah, and Copies of their Generall Letters to the Rt: Honble: Company dated the 6th: January by ship Sarah and the 20th: Ditto ℔ ship Martha.

This afternoone sloop Eddemonie sailed for Pollicat by whom sent a generall Letter to the Cheif &ca: of this date wth: Henry Laflore.

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ATT A CONSULTATION FRIDAY 3.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L} HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUTEN^{T}: GENLL OF INDIA.
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON.

John Dolben Esq^{r}: &c^{a}: owners of ship Morning Star pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 5250 on acco^{t}: silver sold them the 5th: past.

M^{r}: Barwells seperate Letter dated the 10th: February last being read, wherein he gives his reasons for leaving M^{r}: Matthew Mildmay Deputy Governour at York Fort, and not M^{r}: ffrith, the said reasons are approved.

The York Fort Generall Letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: dated the 29th: October being read, It is observed that the Pay of the Topasses is represented to be too [small 2½ Dol^{rs}:] ℔ mensem, and that the Buggesses and Mallays pay is 4 & 5 Dollars ℔ mensem and the Topasses are more trusty, It is therefore resolved that the Topasses be advanced to 3 Dollars ℔ mensem, and that at least thirty or forty be sent by the next ship if procura^{ble}: so soone, that the number of the Buggesses and Mallays may be abated whereby the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company will save a Dollar or two a month in the pay of every Discharged Buggesse.

M^{r}: Butterfield having brought wth: him two pair of York Fort Books begun by M^{r}: Betts, and three pair of Priamong Books begun by himselfe End in July 1695. It is ordered that M^{r}: Butterfeild doe remain here [till] he hath finished them, and then returne to his station in the Councill of Fort S^{t}: David and Sea Customer [. . .] Cuddalore.

It having been long intended to send a ship to West Coast and waited only for the arrivall of [. . .] Barwell &c^{a}: or advices from thence to direct our proceedings, and M^{r}: Barwell being yesterday arrived [. . .] upon perusall of their generall letters and discourse [. . .] the state of affairs there, It is resolved [. . .] sent wth: treasure, stores, Factors and [. . .] as the season of the year will best [. . .] Passage, which by experience hath been [. . .] in the begining of May, or so soone as the [. . .] set in strong.

As to the King William, it hath been and [. . .] that if twere certain of her being dispatched from thence wth: a full lading in September, it would be most for y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: interest that she then proceed accordingly for Europe which will save three or four months Demorage, and thô the supply of saltpetre ordered from Bengall for Kentillage. and the provision of cloth both [here and] at Vizagapatam and Fort S^{t}: David (during y^{e}: [alternate incursions of the Moors and Moorattas thrô all parts [of the] Cloth countrey, and the great scarsity and Dearness of Cotton, now thirty Pag^{s}: ℔ Candy) being uncertaine soe that wee cannot be absolutely assured of a full Lading, and in case of a disappointment then the ship would spend many months upon dead demorage without doeing any considerable service. Yet considering that according to the ordinary course, if there be no extraordinary disappointment in the arrivall of the saltpetre, and in the Coast Investment, there is a satisfactory prospect of having a full Lading ready to dispatch her in September or October. It is resolved that the King William doe not proceed to the West Coast, but be Employed here upon the Coast, as the Monsoon Serv's to fetch the goods from Fort S^{t}: David and Vizagapatam. One reason whereof is, that if she proceed to the west Coast she cannot bee dispatch'd for Europe before December, which will be at least three months Demorage more then if she dispatched from hence in September.

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The Armenians and owners of ship Morning Starr having made proposalls for buying or freighting ship Elizabeth which wee doe not approve, It is resolved that she proceed for the west Coast, the charges whereof will be repaid by the King Williams Demorage saved, & she will returne time enough to proceed for ye: Coast of India in January or February next if there shall be occasion, which is a good reason allso against freighting her to China: and Persia from whence she cannot returne till June 1697.

There being about seven Garse of old salt bought to be sent to the West Coast. Mr: Barwell informing us that ye: factory is otherwise supplyed at a cheap rate, It is ordered that the same be sold at the price Currant.

James Leigh a Jearsie man is ordered to be Entertained in the Gunroom Crew.

Ordered that Mr: Barwell returne to his employment of sea Customer, beginning the accot: from ye: last of [March] when Mr: Tredcroft is ordered to balance his sea Customs accot: and to be cheif searcher.

That Mr: Empson be Land Customer and [commence the] accot: from the last of March, when Mr: Mountague was ordered to balance his Land Custome accot: and returne to his station in ye: Councill & Employmt: at Fort St: David.

The Asssay master reports the assays of two Pags: received from Fort St: David the 19th: past to be matt $8\frac{5}{8}$ and of fire fans: received the 11th: past matt $4\frac{1}{4}$.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

3. Ship ffour Brothers Thomas Plumbe Master arrived in this road from Acheen.

SATURDAY 4.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENLL: OF INDIA.

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER

MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT

MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Mr: Kennedy being acquainted that Mr: Barwell &ca: doe by an accot: stated make him Debtor to the Rt: Honble: Compa: [. . .] Ryalls 806. Hee answers that he hath paid about 300 Dollars into the Comps: Cash at York Fort before his departure, and that the generall Books of York Fort Letter G. give him Credit for about 500 Dollars, Mr: Barwell doeth own that after the stating of ye: said accot: he did make good two or three hundred Dollars at York Fort, and that when the books G. are balanced he will have credit for a considerable: sum̃e, so that there will be but a small sum̃e remain payable by him, It is ordered that no action be now entred against him, nor stop put upon his goods &ca: by the Mary Buoyer, but that the said accot: be delivered him and that he give his answer thereunto.

Mr: Barwell allso acquainting us that Mr: Kennedy is by an accot: stated at York Fort indebted to the Estate of Samuel Willson Deceased Ryalls [. . .] said accot: is delivered him that he may give [. . .] to the particulars.

There being money enough in Cash for paying off all that hath been borrowed at Interest. It is ordered that the severall Bonds given be paid off as

 [4TH]

the Accomptant shall make up the acco[t] : the amo[t] : of Interest due, and that the respective persons have notice that they are to receive their money on Monday Viz[t].

Mr: John Styleman & Nath[l] ; Stone 3 Bonds	Pa :	4000:
St: Mary's Church Stocke two Bonds	„	2200
Mr: Edward Tredcroft two Bonds	„	3000
Capt. Anthony Pennistone two Bonds	„	1200
	Pags :	10400

Besides which there is Pag[s] : 1008 : 9 : in the gen[ll] : Books due to M[r] : Dolben, who demands Pag[s] : 1200 which difference is ordered to be Examined and reported by the Accomptant.

M[r] : Styleman acquainting that he hath endeav[d] : in persuance of the order of Consultation of the 26[th] : past, to perswade M[r] : Keeling to send for his books papers and Effects from Tonqueen and that he do's peremtorily refuse to doe it, alledging that he hath left them under such orders in Tonqueen, that they are not to be delivered to any body that brings an order under his own hand writing, unless he comes himselfe and that the persons w[th] : whome they are left are to injoy all unless he comes himselfe. It is thereupon ordered that M[r] : Keeling doe attend on Monday next.

M[r] : Masson by his Letter to us dated the primo April complaining that his goods suffer in his godowns, He was sent for and acquainted, that he had liberty to dispose of them as he thought convenient, wherein M[r] : Wright and M[r] : Empson are ordered to assist him, and that all his papers be delivered to him except from N° : 1 to 38 which they are still to keep in their possession letting him have the perusall and copies of such of his acco[ts] : as are necessary for the getting in of his Debts.

M[r] : Mead having drawn an Extract of severall Letters received and sent by him to and from Paris, The same were read to him, particularly that passage in his Letter dated 18[th] : June 1691, to Mons[r] : Louis Alvarez, wherein he encourages the sending out of six french men of warr, and that twenty would conquer all India. M[r] : Masson doeth own the writeing of the letters, but doeth disown his having any evill designe in the writing of them.

Ordered that he be continued under confinement till further order.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
CHA : BARWELL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.

Received a generall Letter from the Cheif & Councill of Vizagapatam dated the 9[th] : & 10[th] : March w[th] : copies of their Diary and Consultation from the 3[rd] : March to the 9[th] Do. 5.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 6.

Present

THE HON[BLE] : NATH[L] : HIGGINSON ESQ[R] : LIEUTEN[T] : GEN[L] : OF INDIA
M[R] : JOHN STYLEMAN M[R] : WILLIAM FRASER
M[R] : CHARLES BARWELL M[R] : THOMAS WRIGHT
M[R] : MATTHEW EMPSON.

M[r] : George Lewis pays into the R[t] : Hon[ble] : Comp[s] : Cash Pag[s] : 118 : 18 : 4 : being for fifty pound paid by the R[t] : Hon[ble] : Company to M[r] : Hankey his Attorney in England.

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Ordered that Pag^{s}: 47: 14: 4: be paid M^{r}: George Lewis being for so much received of him the 18th: October 1694, and is now repaid him by the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: orders in their Generall Letter dated the 6th: March 1694/5.

M^{r}: Edward Tredcroft pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 970 on acco^{t}: Sea Customs.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: one thousand be paid to M^{r}: Tho: Wright Paymast^{r}: for defraying charges Garrison.

The accomptant having examined M^{r}: Dolbens acco^{t}: in the Generall Books, reports that there is due to him Pag^{s}: 1398: which is ordered to be paid, being for 1200 Pag^{s}: Lent by him on 6th: June 1693 as part of the Estate of Benjamin Bloom deceased with Interest thereon from the 6th: June 1694 and is the same money ordered to be paid M^{r}: Daniel Chardin by Consultation 31st: January last, but not then paid for want of cash.

John Dolben Esq^{r}: &^{ca}: owners of Ship Morning Starr pay into the R^{t} Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 2086: 35: 4: being the balance of Pag^{s}: 30336: $\overset{fa.}{35}$: $\overset{ca.}{4}$: the amo^{t}: of silver sold them by Consultation the 5th: March last w^{ch}: by the Warehousekeepers report is $\overset{lb.}{3728}$: $\overset{oz.}{11}$: $\overset{dwt.}{1}$: standerd by Invoice.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright Paymaster pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 119: 25: fanams for the following acco^{t}: Viz^{t}: In stating the acco^{t}: of wages due to ship Satisfaction finding severall sumes amount $\overset{pa.}{119}$: $\overset{fa.}{25}$: due to severall seamen and Lasscars w^{ch}: did not appear to demand and receive the same, He was ordered by Consultation of the 14th: Jan^{ry}: 169$\frac{3}{4}$, to detain the said sume in his hands till the said persons appeared, and at M^{r}: Barwells goeing to the west Coast the [acco^{t}] being delivered to him, he was ordered to pay off soe many of them as remained at Bencolen, but at his returne he brings an acco^{t}: only of two persons paid there Viz^{t}: Fackerœ Pag^{s}: 11: 16 and Domingo Pag^{s}: 4: $\overset{fa.}{11}$: in the whole Pag^{s}: 15: 27: and the said sume of $\overset{pa.}{119}$: $\overset{fa.}{25}$: having been formerly charged to the Debt of York Fort in the acco^{t}: of ship Satisfaction. It is ordered that York Fort have Credit in our Generall Bookes for the sume of Pag^{s}: 119: 25: and that the acco^{t}: of wages remaining due doe stand entred after this Consultation.

The Generall Letter from York Fort dated 10th: February 1695/6, adviseing their having drawn severall Bills upon us to the amount of Dollars 6422: payable to the following persons Viz^{t}:

To M^{r}: Charles Barwell	Ryalls	1639$\frac{3}{4}$
To M^{r}: John Butterfeild	„	1050
To M^{r}: John Styleman	„	1100
To M^{r}: Anne Delgardner	„	512
To M^{r}: Samuel Browne	„	200
To M^{r}: Richard Trenchfeild	„	700
To M^{r}: John Affleck	„	400
To M^{r}: Charles Sherrer	„	400
To M^{r}: Charles Barwell	„	200
To M^{r}: John Butterfeild	„	220$\frac{1}{4}$
	Dollars	6422

Which at the rate of 17 Dollars ℔ tale for ten Pag^{s}: amounts to Pag^{s}: 3777: $\overset{fa.}{23}$: $\overset{ca.}{2}$: which is ordered to be paid.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 229: 22: fanams be paid to M^{r}: John Affleck being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Govern^{r}: & Councill of ffort S^{t}: David dated 28th: March last.

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Captain John Morgan who came out of England wth: Cap^{t}: Swan, and hath since sailed in the Countrey sometimes in the English and sometimes in y^{e}: Armenians Service, and married to a Danes Woman at Tringombar requesting permission to goe home upon one of their ships alledgeing that he is to goe Commander. It is resolved by majority that permission [be not granted] him, and if Captain Morgan shall persist in his intentions, that a letter be wrote to the Gov^{r}: of Tringombar to signifie our disapproveall.

M^{r}: Edmund Mountague read the acco^{t}: of Land Customs for the month of March last particulars Viz^{t}:

Choultrey Custome	Pag^{s}:	158 :	6 :	30
Triblecane Custome	„	...	14 :	50
Cloth Brokers	„	6 :	16 :	73
	Pag^{s}:	165 :	1 :	73

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
CHA : BARWELL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.

Acco^{t}: wages due to severall men belonging to ship Satisfaction w^{ch}: were left at the West Coast, they being to receive pay from the 5th: ffebruary 169½ to the 17th: October 1693 w^{ch}: is 20 months & 12 days wth: an acc^{t}: what paid out of their wages to Cap^{t}: Turlington Merum Serang & Madera Serang Viz^{t}:

	pd. y^{e}: Capt^{t}:	Merum Serang.	Madera Serang.	Whole Pay.	Remains due.
Charles Hopkins seaman and afterwards made Boatswain.	88 : 23 :	...	...	131 : 29 :	43 : 6
Ventura Cooke	20 : ...	2 : 30 :	2 : 18 :	40 : 28 :	15 : 16
Sherby Lasker	12 : 13 :	4 : 30 :	4 : 16 :	40 : 28 :	19 : 5
Vella Ditto	22 : ...	4 : 18 :	4 : 31 :	40 : 28 :	9 : 15
Fackerrow Do.	20 : 9 :	4 : 5 :	4 : 34 :	40 : 28 :	11 : 16
Abdello Ditto	27 : 18 :	5 : ...	3 : 22 :	40 : 28 :	4 : 24
Podro Do. Ship'd the 12th: May at y^{e}: West Coast.	6 : 23 :	...	...	10 : 28 :	4 : ...
Domingo Do. for Ditto ...	6 : 17 :	...	...	10 : 28 :	4 : 11
Thome alias Cream for 7 months.	5 : 32 :	...	...	14 : ...	8 : 4
				371 : 6 :	119 : 25

Ship S^{t}: Paul Ant^{o}: vas Concelhos Commander came out of S^{t}: Thoma road into this to Lade Red wood. 6.

Ship Satisfaction William Willock master sailed for Ballasore by whom sent a Generall Letter of this date to the Agent and Councill of Bengall. 7.

Ship John and Mary Indore Coaster Master being bound from Pegue to Acheen was forc't by contrary winds to put into this Road.

ATT A CONSULTATION — THURSDAY 9.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUTEN^{T}: GEN^{L}: OF INDIA.
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Moses Contore the Danish Jew returned to us lately by Governour Pitt, at his first comeing was desired to give an acco^{t}: of the reasons of his goeing away, and of his present circumstances, which he now sending and owning himselfe

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[9TH] indebted to severall [. . .] Pa: 280: Mr: Trenchfeild and Mr: Affleck appearing to be the principal Creditors, they were sent for & acquainted that all charges of his returne must be satisfied and that the Creditors are to take care of their Debtrs:

The Duan being goeing to the Camp & sending a Letter Yesterday to the Governr: to buy two pairs of Christal Osto's and file. It is resolved that the same be sent him for a present, the value being about Pags: 10.

Ordered that James How an English Mustees be Entertaind: in the Gunroom at sixty fanams a month and that he be further incouraged as he shall deserve, and yt: Matthew Carter and Thomas Addams be discharged the Gunroom crew and Entertained on board Ship Elizabeth, and that Joseph Skellton be imployed as Gunners mate in Matthew Carters Room.

The Paymaster produceing a list of Europe men and a List of Stores wanting for Ship Elizabeth, he is ordered to furnish her with what necessary and to give the Commander a strict charge to be very frugal and to render a particular accot: of what Expended.

Mr William Fraser warehousekeepr: pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: Eight thousand on accot: Rupees sold, and read his warehouse accot: for the month of ffebruary last.

The Paymastr: is ordered to buy 700 Planke at Pags: 24 & 100 for stores and sixteen Mortivan Jarrs for the West Coast at the rate of Pags: 3¼ ℔ Jarr.

Ordered that twenty Candy of Salt Petre be delivered to the Powderman to make Powder.

Mr: Mountague requesting to be excused from goeing to ffort St: David, because he was there sickly and has here enjoyed his health better. It is order'd that in his stead Mr: Richard Farmer doe proceed thither to be Paymaster, and take place in Councill according to his station and that Mr: Mountague doe assist Mr: Butterfeild in bringing up and Balanceing the Generall Books of York Fort and Priamong.

Ordered that Mr: Charles Barwell, Mr: Matt: Empson and Mr: Mountague be Justices of the Choultrey.

There being Eight thousand Canes offer'd to sale of 28 inches and above, by the owners of Ship Morning Star, which appear by musters to be very good and cheap, It is ordered that the same be bought at 30 Pags: ℔ 1000, also the super Cargo of the Mocao Ship offering about 120 Pecul of Gallingall at two Pags: a pecul, the same is ordered to be bought [. . .] prove merchantable and good, it being [. . .].

The accomptant produceing an accot: stated between the new Joint stocke Merchants and the Rt: Honble: Company from 1692 to this day. The balance whereof due to the Merchants is Pags: 296: 5 fanams. But the Merchants doe express themselves disatisfied in the underrateing of the cloth below mustr: It is ordered that the accomptant and the warehousekeeper for the satisfaction of the Merchants doe wth: them goe thrô the examination of the particular differences, and report us their opinion thereof.

The Merchants haveing given a reply [. . .] Timaps: answer to their demands relating to their old joint stocke accot: It is ordered that on Monday morning next we proceed upon the examination, in order to come to a conclusion, which is necessary to be done suddainly that we may come to some resolution for ye: provision of Callicoes either by contract or otherwise.

Nath: Higginson.
Jo: Styleman.
Will: Fraser.
Cha: Barwell.
Tho: Wright.
M: Empson.

—— *FORT ST. GEORGE, APRIL 1696* —— [13TH]

Dispatched a Generall Letter to the Cheif and Councill of Vizagapatam of this date. 9.

The Governr: having been for two days past informed of Timapa the Cheif Merchants goeing to Triblecane at unusuall hours, and wth: extraordinary attendance, and that this morning he was gone thither and had invited Occla Naigue to a treat there who about ten days agoe wrote Letters to Narrain, Timapa, Ramapa, and Kisna to acquaint the Governr: that he intended to vissit Madrass and expected a present and to be received honorably, pretending that his ancestors were the founders of Chinnapatam and the Governour being at the same time informed that Nellacunte comeing to the River watching place wth: the Nabobs Perwanna for farming of ye: Beetle of Pullamullee Countrey enquired for Madrantula who being gone to Triblecane Nellacunte followed him thither. The Governr: having of late observed Timapa to be discontented thought it requisite to send an order to him to come immediately wch: he accordingly did about 12 a clocke, and was ordered not to goe to Triblecane again wth :out leave. 10.

Ship Mahomodee Pattee came from St: Thoma into this road. 11.

Ship Mahomodee belonging to the King of Maldeve breaking her Cable last night drove ashore near the fishing Point, her treasure and [men] saved. 12.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 13.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.

Mr: Edward Tredcroft pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: Eleven hundred on accot: Sea Customs.

Being informed by Vincattee the Fort St. David Dubash, that they are in great want of Paddy & firewood being twenty five ℔ Cent dearer there than here, It is ordered that 100,000 sticks of firewood and 40 or 50 Garse of Paddy and rice be bought by ye : warehousekeepr: and sent thither by the first oppertunity for stores.

The warehousekeepr: delivers in an accot: of Damag'd cloth by ships Russell frigot and King William delivered to the respective Commanders. It is ordered that the same be entred after this Consultation, and that ye: accomptt doe charge the respective owners wth: the amount at Invoice price.

Mr: Fraser having signed the Consultation of the 30th: March wth: this note [I can't consent to any conicoply to be intrusted in the Godown but such as shall be appointed and approved in Councill, and to give security] and whereas the Consultation doth only order an increase to Vincatadre his conicoplies wages, and an addition of two Conicoplies for his assistance, the purport of Mr: Frasers note doeth not concern the order of Consultation, but seem's to be that persons appointed godowne Conicoplies, should not only be approved in Councill but should give security for their trust, if he means that they should give security to himselfe, it concerns him only; but if he means that they should give security to the Rt: Honble: Company, it is a new proposal that never was heard of before, and it would introduce an alteration to the Rt: Honble : Comps: affairs and render their blacke [servants] responsible to the Rt: Honble: Compa: instead of their Covenanted servants, which seems to have been the practise of the Godowne because Vincatadre

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the Conicoply refused to serve at the wages of Eighty fanams ℘ meñs and gives this reason that he can't for that wages make good Losses, and instances in one hundred Pag^{s}: lost out of the Godowne Cash at severall times, which he made good out of the Dustore.

M^{r}: Fraser alledgeing that the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company have in some of their Generall Letters, ordered that the blacke servants intrusted in collecting the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: revenue should give security, which at present is not remembered but when M^{r}: Fraser produces said order it shall be Compl^{d}: wth: .

The Lieutenant Generall read his acco^{t}: of y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash for the month of March last the balance being Pag^{s}: 2584: 10: 3 and Thomas Wigmore secretary read his acco^{t}: of Passes for ditto month, and paid into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 2 : 24 fanams on that acco^{t}:

Timapas answer to the Joint Stocke Merchants demands and their reply there unto being read Paragraph by Paragraph, and it appearing that there are many particulars, the examination whereof will take up much time. It is for the present resolved that it is necessary, that the whole matt[er] be examined and thoroughly understood by us as time will allow.

But that in the first place we ought to solve upon a method for procureing of cloth either by buying at the market price or contracting with some able Merchants it being unanimously agreed, that till the present Joint Stocke Merchants doe accommodate their differences and produce a stocke, wee ought not to make any further contract wth: them.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.

I never said or meant that the Conocople is accountable for all that is in the Europe godownes but unavoidably they must sometimes be possest of money by receiving of debts, due to the R : H : Company, for goods sold to the natives for which they ought to give security. W.F. } WILL : FRASER.

CHA : BARWELL.
THO : WRIGHT.

Acco^{t}: of damaged cloth returned to Cap^{t}: William Blundell Comd^{r}: of Ship Russell Frigot, for acco^{t}: of his owners Viz^{t}:

Aurora out of Bale No.	635	...	Yards	29⅛	were delivered to the Captain.
	634	...	,,	9⅝	
	643	...	,,	3⅝	
			Pieces.	Yards.	42⅜
Broad cloth ordinary	728	...	4		18⅜
	726	...	5		
	626	...	2		
	730	...			9½
	710	...			13
	756	...	1		
	698	...	1		
	705	...			1½
			13		42⅜

All the abovementioned were delivered in the presence of us.

Fort St. George
7th : March 1696.

WILLIAM FRASER.
THOM^{s} : LOVELL.

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Acco^t^: damaged cloth returned to Cap^t^: James Thwaits Comd^r^: of Ship King William for acco^t^: of his owners Viz^t^:

			Pieces.	yds.	
Aurora out of Bale No.	362	...	4 :	6¼	
	339	...	=	14	
	360	...	=	5⅜	
	370	...	=	23¾	
	363	...	2 :	9½	
	336	...	4 :	=	
	371	...	1 :	4½	
	338	...	1 :	=	
	361	...	1 :	3	
	328	...	=	2¾	
					Ps : 13 : 69⅛ yards.

			Pieces.	yds.	
Broad Cloth ordinary	393	...		5½	
	399	...	1 :	5¾	
	534	...	1 :	5	
	538	...	...	3¼	
	436	...	...	10¼	
	449	...	...	9½	
	541	...	...	1¾	
	418	...	...	1⅝	
					Ps : 2 : 36⅝ yards.
Perpetuanos : fine S. S.	6	...	...	18 :=	
	1	...	...	7 :=	
	13	...	...	1 : 6	
	2	...	...	4 :=	
	7	...	...	„ 4	
I. S.	15	...	...	1 : 5½	
					Ps : 31 : 15½ yards.
Perpetuanos : ordinary P.	29	...	...	20 :=	
	16	...	...	4 :=	
	23	...	...	2 :=	
	24	...	...	3 :=	
	19	...	...	„ 8⅞	
					Ps : 29 : 8⅞ yards.

The abovesaid parcells of cloth was returned upon the owners of the Ship King William, w^ch^: I acknowledge to have received but that some of which was much worm Eaten for which there ought to be an allowance made, that the whole damage doe not lye upon the owners, as its not all ship damage.

Fort St. George 9th : March 169$\frac{5}{6}$. JAMES THWAITES.

J^s^: DORISLA.

THO : LOVELL.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to the Govern^r^: and Council of Fort St. David of this date. 14.

Last night M^r^: Enoch Walsh sett out for Pollicat, and carried a Generall Letter to the Cheif and Councill w^th^: the five hundred Dollars ordered to be sent ℘ Consul^tn^: of the Second Instant. 15.

This morning M^r^: Enoch Walsh returned from Pollicat and brought a Letter from the Cheif and Councill $\frac{1}{2}\frac{5}{5}$ Inst. w^th^: copy of M^r^: Gibbons bill given the Cheif of Paddang for 500 Dollars, and the Cheif and second of Pollicats receipt thereon, acknowledgeing that they had received 500 Rix Dollars in discharge thereof. Hee allso bro^t^: backe the Pag^s^: 250 sent them in May last. 16.

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THURSDAY 16TH:

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON[BLE]: NATH[L]: HIGGINSON ESQ[R]: LIEUT: GENL. OF INDIA.
M[R]: JOHN STYLEMAN — M[R]: WILLIAM FRASER
M[R]: — M[R]: THOMAS WRIGHT
M[R]:

M[r]: Charles Barwell & M[r]: Matt: Empson Indispos'd at y[e]: Mount.

The Lieutenant Generall pays into the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Comp[s]: Cash Pag[s]: seven hundred ninety-four 11 fanams and 4 cash on acco[t]: of gold coined in the mint.

Ordered that Pag[s]: one thousand be paid to M[r]: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Manuel Grua, Domingo de Rosairo and Nich[o]: Vass Portuguez souldiers who came from the West Coast w[th]: M[r]: Barwell, requesting to be entertained as souldiers in this Garrison, It is order'd that they be entertained from the day of their arrivall.

M[r]: Styleman and M[r]: Fraser deliver a report of their Examination of the difference between the acco[t]: as stated in the Generall Books and kept by their Conicoplies, as to the prices of the Callicoes delivered since the Contract made with them in August 1692.

The Merchants being thereupon discoursed upon the severall orders of Consultation 23[rd]: March 169⅔ & 15[th] & 24[th]: May 1693 and they consented to the prices as stated by the Accomptant according to the said orders of Consultation, the difference is Pag[s]: 869 : 11 fanams.

But they having objected against the stating of their Customs at two and half ℔ Cent, and alledged that it hath been never more charged to them then 1[pa]: 7[fa]: 3[ca]: ℔ Cent. The Generall Books and Consultation Books of former times being examined, there appearing some ground for their objection, it is referred to further consideration for a better regulation for y[e]: future.

The Governour doeth propound it to y[e]: consideration of the Councill, that the present Joint Stocke Merch[ts]: being laid aside till they have adjusted their acco[ts]: and produce a stocke, it is necessary for the procuring of Cloth, either by [buy]ing as it comes in, or by contracting w[th]: other Merchants, that somthing be done to put it out of the power of the present Cheif Merchants to obstruct others, which by the discourse he hath had w[th]: severall merchants, he is sensible they doe apprehend from Timapa, who hath of late behaved himselfe to impudently and more then usually courted y[e]: friendship of severall persons concerned in the Countrey Government a speciall instance whereof was in procureing the Perwanna from the Nabob in the name of himselfe and Allingall for trading in the Cornatta Countrey, that it is therefore requisite that something be done to prevent the illeffects which may follow from his illuse of that authority and Interest which a Cheif Merchant hath or can assume among the Inhabitants or persons belonging to the Countrey Government by the Credit of that station, and particularly there being complaints of his mismannagement of y[e]: Revenue of the Madras and Triblecane Pagoda's, that the same be forthwith taken from him and placed in other hauds.

It being moved that there might be a full Couucill, the Secretary is ordered to summon M[r]: Barwell and M[r]: Empson to attend on Saturday next.

Captain James Thwaits having deliver'd a pap[r]: as entred after this Consultation requesting that the two thousand Dollars mentioned in shipp King Williams Charterparty to be paid in India, may be paid him for furnishing his ship with provisions &c[a]: It is ordered that the same be paid.

The Paymaster produceing an acco[t]: of Expences for work done to ship Elizabeth by the Carpenters and Caulkers of ships Russell frigat and King William amto[o] to Pag[s]: sixty seven, which he is ordered to pay and place it to the acco[t]: of said ship.

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Ordered that John Brown Simon Evertson and David Beveridge be entertained in the Gun Roome.

Narrain the Cheif Dubash desireing leave to goe [to] Ramanacote for fiftey Days, alledgeing that he is under a Religious promise, It is agreed that he have Leave to goe.

The tobacco farme expireing on the 25th: March last, & Wallachy Chittee the last farmer complained of losse, and declared that he would not continue for another year, Vincateputtee and Partners had treated for takeing the farme this year and agreed to ye: terms but upon the expiration of the last farme he complained that Wallachy Chittee had supplyed all ye: shops in Town with Tobacco enough for a month or two, and therefore demanded the abatement of a months Rent, which being agreed to, he then demanded other terms which were not thought fitt to be allowed. Then Wootapa Chittee and partners made proposalls for takeing the farme for three years and when the term's were concerted, upon information of some of their partners being involved in accots: and Debts broke of their agreement and refused to be concerned. Now Mooda Verapa, Gruapa, Paucula Vencate Kisnama, Guntula Yellaree, and Currumbutt Narrain Chittee, having agreed to take the farme for three years upon the terms expressed in a Cowle (copied after this Consultation) It is resolved that ye: same be signed sealed and delivered them.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.

A Cowle granted by the Honble: Nathl: Higginson Esqr. Lieutenant Generall of India & Governour of Fort St. George &ca: Councill to Mooda Verapa, Gruapa, Paucula Vencate Kisuama, Guntula Yellarree and Corumbuttoo Narrain Chittee &ca: farmers of the Tobacco and Ganjee.

You the aforementioned farmers &ca: of the Tobacco & Ganjee shall have full power to supply the Shopkeepers and Retailers of the Citty of Madrass and Liberties thereof wth: tobacco (either Countrey Manilha or Persia) and Ganjee at such rates as is customary, and as good in each kind as it used to bee, and you soe doeing, It is declared that if any shopkeeper or any other person whatsoever shall buy for the retail trade of any persons but the said farmers &a: or those that shall be appointed by them for that purpose, or sell either of those two commodities by retail, wth:out leave first obtained from the said farmers, &ca: The Buyer shall for every fanams worth so bought [. . . or] sold be fined one Pagoda to be paid into the Choultrey, whereof one third part shall be paid to the informer (excepting strangers who shall be excused for the first offence only) But in case the above named farmrs &ca: uudersharers shall at any time of the year sell either Tobacco or Ganjee dearer then [. . .] justices of the Choultrey shall thinke fitt, and complaint thereof be made to them. You ye: [...] said farmers &ca: shall be obliged to sell according to the prices sett by said Justices, and if you shall offend therein, after the third fault you shall be liable to such fine and punishment as ye: Govr: and Councill shall thinke fitt to order. All Merchants that bring Tobacco or Ganjee into this Citty or the liberties thereof, paying their Custom may freely sell their goods to any person, or purpose whatsoever to be transported to other parts or places, but not to be retailed in ye: Citty or the Liberties thereof, except they sell it to ye: aforesaid farmers &ca: sharers and the said Mooda Verapa, Gruapa &ca: shall have leave to keep watch on the warehouses where other Merchants tobacco shall be lodged, to see that none of it be disposed of but for Transportation to other parts only, and may requiree: of the seller a knowledge whether it is sold and to whome, who is obliged to make that known when required to avoid all disputes,

or to have his goods stop'd by the said Tobacco and Ganjee farmers till they doe it. And because wee are informed that severall Inhabitants doe hide Tobacco in their Houses and sell it out privately by retail, without the farmers knowledge, all the Inhabitants are required to give a true acco^t: or shew unto the farmers or their [sharers] so often as they require it, the sorts and quantity of Tobacco which they have in their Houses or godownes and as often as they buy any shall acquaint the farmers therewith, and if the farmers find reason to suspect that any person doeth hide more in his House or Godowne then he gives acco^t: of, upon their complaint the Justices of the Choultrey are to order the Choultrey officers to goe w^th: the farmers and search such suspected places, and whomsoever is found to have more or less in his custody then he hath given acco^t: of, shall forfeit the same or the value to the farmers. And the Conicopliēs of the sea side and Choultrey shall once a weeke or when required by the farmers give them an acco^t: of the Tobacco and Ganjee imported or exported by sea and Land w^th: the name of the person to whome Delivered and by whome exported, and all the R^t. Hon^ble: Comp^s: watching Peons and Conicoplies are required to take care that noe tobacco or Ganjee be privately imported or exported upon pain of being dismissed their Employments, and if any English mens Servants Dubashes or Peons doe abuse the farmers y^e: Justices of the Choultrey are to punish them accordingly and the said Mooda Verapa, Gruapa &c^a: are appointed the sole Brokers for buying and selling of Tobacco and Ganjee, and that noe other broker whatsoever doe presume to intermeddle therewith. Upon these terms this Cowle is granted for three years commencing this sixteenth day of April 1696. Your Paying into the R^t Hon^ble: Company Cash Two hundred forty one Pag^s: and twenty four fanams on the 16 day of every month in the two first years, and Two Hundred and fiftey Pag^s: on the 16^th day of every month in the third year, but the payment for one month being abated you, You are to make y^e: first payment on the 16^th day of next.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.

TO THE HON^BLE: NATH^L: HIGGINSON
LIEUTENANT GENERAL &C^A: COUNCILL.

Whereas a clause in charterparty doeth provide for certaine sum̃es of money to be paid the Commanders of their shipping in India, in case they have occasion, now I desire that I may have the two thousand p^s: ⅝ paid me (to defray necessary charges on the ships acco^t:) as is allowed by the R^t: Hon^ble: Company on charterparty termes, w^ch: will much oblige.

Yo^r Hon^rs: &c^a: most Hum^ble: Serv^t.
Fort S^t: George 16^th: April 1696. JAMES THWAITES.

16. Ship Success William Griffin master arrived in this road from Bengall. Received a Generall Letter from the Gov^r: & Councill of Fort S^t: David dated 11^th Instant.

SATURDAY 18.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^LL: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUTEN^T: GEN^LL: OF INDIA.
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER.
M^R: CHARLES BARWELL M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT.
M^R: MATTHEW EMPSON.

The Governour acquaints that yesterday before the delivering of the Cowle to the Tobacco farmers, there came thirty Betteke men, complaining that their

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Livelyhood was diminished by the farmers of tobacco and offered if the farme was taken away they would be content to pay seven Pag^s^: a candy for every candy of Tobacco Retailed, and alledged that there would be about one Candy and a halfe sold one day w^th^: another which is 547 Candy a year, w^ch^: at Pag^s^: seven ℘ Candy amount to Pag^s^: 3829, but an offer being made them that if the Butteke men would agree among themselves and undertake to collect the seven Pag^s^: ℘ Candy and [only] pay the Company Pag^s^: 3000 or 2800 ℘ ann: the farmers might be taken away, and the business carried on [on] that method which they desired, but they refused to undertake it, and only desired that the farme might be taken away, and a triall made of the way proposed by them by the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: servants and perceiving that the farmers on this occasion are apprehensive of opposition, and fearing they might fall from their agreement, the Lieut. Generall delivered them their Cowle and Tasherift them 12 yards Perpetuanoes ordinary.

The warehousekeep^r^: reports the weight of Gallingall bought of the supra Cargo of the Moccaw ship to be Pecul 176·125 lb. which at Pag^s^: two ℘ pecul amo^ts^: to Pag^s^: 352 : 16 fanams the same is ordered to be paid to Suncha Rama.

There being about fifty five Candy of West Coast Pepper offered to sale at twenty one p^a^: ℘ Candy, It is ordered to be bought and paid for according to the warehousekeepers report of the weight.

M^r^: William Fraser warehousekeep^r^: pays into the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: cash Pag^s^: three thousand on acco^t^: [of] rupees and goods sold.

Discoursed upon the Land Custome chargeable upon the merchants Investments, but the examination of former Consultation Books being not finished, It is referred till another time.

The matter referred the last Consultation to this day relating to Timapa being now debated it is resolved that it is requisite that the mannagement of the Revenues of the Madrass and Triblecane Pag^s^: be taken out of the hands of Timapa &^a^: merchants and placed in other hands for the present, and that neither Timapa, Allingall Pillas nor Mooda Veronsa son doe [wear] roundells, and that they be cautioned not to ride either in a Palankeen or on Horseback in the Town.

Timapa being sent for and alledgeing that y^e^: Pag^a^: of Madrass was built by his ancestors concerning w^ch^: he will deliver a Petition in two or three days time, but will deliver the Triblecane Pagoda to whome wee shall order to receive it, and offers that he and the merchants will serve the Comp^a^: in provideing of cloth.

Ordered that Ramapa a Braminy Nairo Verona and Racca Chittee be appointed to mannage the Revenues of the Pagodas of Madrass & Triblecane.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.

SUNDAY 19.

The wind blew very hard last night at North East and North East and by East w^th^: Gusts and rain that severall ships were missing out of the road, in the morning Lieut: Seaton was sent w^th^: a small party of souldiers to assist any ship cast ashore towards S^t^: Thoma and the Heads of the Mucquaws, Cattemaran men and Cooleys ordered to send people to help to secure their goods from being robbed by theiv's or seiz'd by the Avaldar, and before noon the governour sent away a letter to Hojee Mahom^d^: Allee Avaldar desireing his friendly assistance in securing the goods that they may be brought to us w^ch^: was carried by the Mulla and Cojee Saffir [and] Lieutenant Seaton returned and gives an acco^t^: of the following ships cast away between this & S^t^: Thoma S^t^: Rosa belonging to Augustin Hart, came last from Malacca. S^t^: Jude Cojee Stephen Mark from Manilha. Mahomodee from Queda. Boa Vista Dom Theodore S^t^: Lucar from Manilha. Success M^r^: Gullock and Sherrer from Bengall. Morning Star M^r^: Dolben from China.

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That they had saved severall goods from severall of the ships, and put them together under the guard of the souldiers, but the officers of the St: Thoma Avaldar did at first hinder, but afterwards assisted them in saveing the goods, but told them they must have the Avaldars order for carrying them away.

Lieutenant Seaton returned again to St: Thoma with ten fresh souldiers to relieve the others, and Mr: Barwell went wth: him to order the bringing away ye: goods wch: were saved.

About three a clocke received a note from him that a Braminy sai's the ground belongs to the King and that he cannot permit any goods to be carried away without his masters order, who is gone to Pullemullee and will come back in two hours, but said that if we would take them by force we may, whereupon the Councill being summoned, it was agreed to bring away all the goods saved by force. But in the meantime receiving an answer from Hojee Mahomod Allee, that he has ordered his officers to permit all the goods to be brought away, The Governr: caused as many Cooleys as could be gott to be sent thither wth: twelve souldiers wth: orders to the serjeant to employ all the Cooleys in bringing away all things that they found lyeing upon the shore begining at the furthest ship and to come back together in a body, and bring all things into the Godowne at the sea gate that the right owners might receive them, and to prevent embezlement by the Cooleys &ca: orders were given to the outwatches to seiz all persons bringing anything into the towne and bring them to ye: Govr:

About noon Ship Pattee Mahomodee a moors ship of 400 Tons which brought grain from Bengall, came ashore a little to the southward of St: Thomas Point.

20. Last night much rain and gusts of wind from ye: East to the South East, [. . . .] about two a clocke Ship John & Mary [...] from Pegue came ashore a little to the northward of York Point belonging to [skipper] Michael.

21. This morning the wind abated and the Govr: goeing to view the two ships which came ashore neare St: Thomas and York Points, and finding them to sitt whole and not yet bilged advised the master to cutt their Masts down, wch: the Moorman would not doe, but the other did and may probably [by] that means save his ship from breakeing.

TUESDAY 21.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENLL: OF INDIA.
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER.
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT.
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON *sicke at the Mount.*

About nine a clock Narraine comeing [to acquaint] the Governour that Timapa the Chief Merchant had last night left his house. The Councill being thereupon Summoned Narrain acquaints, that at seven a clocke this morning, Timapa's son goeing from Narrains house (where he lives) to see his mother as usual, he came back cry[ing, and told] that his father and mother were gone, which is the only notice he has yet received, that he knew nothing of his goeing, nor whither he is gone, whether any body is gone with him he may be gone to some woodman as Druggapa did, and that probably Vincateputtee formerly Choultrey Dubash may be gone wth: him.

Narrain and Sampson being sent to Timapa's house, Report that they found the outer Doors open but the doors of the inner roome shut, and enquireing of ye: slaves when Timapa went, they answer, they were [a] sleepe and don't know, but it seems that Timapa and his two wives are gone together, and Ramdass a servant of the family rid a Horsebacke ys: morning to St: Thoma and from thence a travailer informes that Timapa went in the night over the River by Boat and is gone to St: Thoma, and that Jumbo pilla one of the merchants is allsoe gone.

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The Talliars being sent for were ordered to send out their Peons and watch for him and bring him in.

There being severall Europe men belonging to the Ships now Cast away out of employ. The Paym^r: is ordered to entertaine them all as they offer in the service of the Garrison, either as Souldiers or in the Gun room Crew, and to give an acco^t: of their names.

M^r: William Fraser read his warehouse acco^t: for the month of March last.

It being resolved necessary to secure such persons as are suspected privy to Timapa's goeing away, or to have an intention to follow him. Arringapa Naigue was sent for and ordered to secure the following persons Viz^t: Tondawa Chittee, Pedda Tombe Chittee, Conicoply Paupia, Vincateputtee Dubash, Verago Ponkally [. . .] Chinna Vincatadrys son in law and thô Narrain hath declared that he knew nothing of Timapa's goeing, yet it seems incredible Timapa carrying with him his wife the daughter of Narrain of whome it was giveu out before that Narrain was to carry w^th: him to Ramnacote, and yesterday [Timapa] told M^r: Styleman soe, Besides the time of Narrain goeing to Ramnacote seems to be calculated very oppertunely for the carrying on of an ill designe, if there be any such. It is therefore thought necessary that he remain in the Merchants Godowne till further order Narrain being sent for was acquainted therewith.

Ordered that Pag^s: 39 : 14 : 4 : be paid M^r: John Butterfield being for 67 Dollars expended by M^r: Barwell and him for sundry charges in their Voyage from York Fort by the Mary Buoyer, as by an acco^t: produced and approved.

Being informed that Hojee Mahomed Allee the S^t: Thoma Governour has put a stop to the bringing of goods from the ships that are wreck'd, It is resolved that a Letter be writt to him to know the reasons of it.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.

It was said here in Consultation last weeke that Narrain in June or July Last, desired leave to go to Ramnacote which I humbly conceive cannot be call-culated to the present oppertunity of Timapah's running away because that could not be foreseen but rather fallen out accidentally to the present case of Timapah. W.F. } WILL: FRASER.

CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.

Boat Vera Rauga Perrimall came into this road from Fort S^t: David having lost her mast off of Covelone and ship Boa Surat belonging to Amir Cawne and Parr Perversear belonging to the Dutch. 21.

Ship Mahomod tar came into this road from Queda Laden w^th: Elephants and rice. 22.

ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 23.

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^L: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUTEN^T: GEN^LL: OF INDIA.
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R: M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R: BARWELL and M^R: EMPSON *at the Mount.*

The state of the case relating to the Land Customs paya^ble: by the R^t: Hon^ble: Companys merchants, upon peruseal of the former Consultations and Letters and Generall Books appears to be as followeth Viz^t:

Berra Timana and Cossa Verona and their Predecess^rs: Cheif Merchants not paying Custom as other[s] did, and they being the principal traders, the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^a: requireing their paying of Custom, it was Consult^a: the 27^th November 1678 agreed w^th: Cassa Verona that he should pay the halfe Custom of what others ought to pay upon all manner of goods he should Export or Import by sea or Land for the Hon^ble: Comp^s: acco^t:, his own acco^t: single or in Partnership, and the other halfe of the Custom is expressed to be given him free from ancient useage

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and from Nabobs Necknams Cowle, and is granted dureing his life, and his employment as Cheif Merchant and the reason rendered for this grant is because Cassa Verona and Company were responsible to the Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: for all the Joint Stocke Merchants.

And it is provided that notwithstanding the s^{d}: grant to Verona, Yet the sons and Brothers of Bere Timana Deceased shall pay the whole Customs as others doe or ought to doe for all goods not in partnership wth: Cassa Verona, and after the death of Verona they and their Heirs and successors in whatsoever quality or condition shall pay the full Customes of the place, unless the Govern^{r}: and Councill then being shall find them fitt persons for the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: service and deserving encouragement.

And by the said Consultation it is allowed that Cassa Verona shall have all eatable provisions for the expence of their families brought in upon the acco^{t}: of the said Joint Stocke in partnership, and so passed by Verona to bee free of Customes.

On the 28th: March 1680 Cassa Verona dyed, on the 5th April following Pedde Vincatadry the brother of Timana was appointed Cheif Merchant & their business was mannaged in the same manner as in Verona's time, till in June 1680 the Agent and Councill did resolve upon the makeing a Company of Merch^{ts}: in a Joint Stocke and they offerred Pedde Vincatadry to be cheif of them, which he for some time refused, but at length consented, and on the 12th July the regulation of the Joint Stocke Company was finished consisting of one hundred shares, nine being appointed Cheif Merchants, whereof Pedde Vincatadry was the first, and on the 16th September following, it is resolved by Consultation that Pedde Vincatadry and his Partners doe pay whole Custom upon all goods and Provisions Imported or Exported by Sea or by Land, because the reasons assigned in Consultation 27th: November 1678 are of noe force Verona being dead and y^{e}: Investments put into a Company of Merchants in a Joint Stocke for whom noe security was required of Pedde Vincatadry after which Pedde Vincatadry was displaced for the reasons noted in Consultation 6th: October 1680, till President Gyffords arriveall, when on the 14th: July 1681 he was re-appointed Cheif Merchant Viz^{t}: to have the name of Cheif, but to doe nothing without the advice of seven other Assistants or the major part, but neither by that Consultation nor any since, are Pedde Vinca tadry or his family restored to the priviledge of paying but halfe Custome which was granted to Verona dureing his life.

Upon the examination of the Land Custome acco^{ts}: in the year 1680, 1681 and 1682, it appears that from the time of that order of Consultation [the]16th: **of** September 1680, the Land Custome was charged to the acco^{t}: of the Company of Merchants at y^{e}: rate of halfe a fanam ℔Pagoda, as others paid for Callicoes, without allowing Pedde Vincatadry the halfe Custom of his quarter share in the Joint Stocke, till the account of April 1682, signed by M^{r}: John Bigrig Land Customer, wherein the first allowance is made to Pedde Vincatadry of halfe Sea and Land Custome for goods Imported and Exported for his own acco^{t}: as well as for the quarter share in the Joint Stocke which acco^{t}: was read and passed in Councill on the 22^{d}: May 1682, but there appears no order of Consultation before that time nor since for making that allowance, and yet all the Generall Books since doe charge the Land Customs upon the Investments in the same manner till Books L.L. ending April 1693 wherein the Land Custom was by the Governours direction charged to the Merchants acco^{t}: at the rate of two and a halfe ℔ Cent, upon the reason of y^{e}: aforementioned order of Consultation dated the 16th Septemb^{r}: 1680 till further inquirey could be made.

Upon peruseall of the Generall Letters to and from the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company it appears that in the ffort Generall Letter dated 5th: January 1681 Paragraph the 98 they advise their granting y^{e}: Petition of Pedde Vincatadry, Allingall Pilla and Mooda Verona for their paying but halfe Custome in their [quarter] part of the Investment, and assigne two reasons viz^{t}: because the Countrey Government take example in makeing them pay accordingly, & because they are at extraordinary charges for the takeing of stops imposed by the Countrey

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Government which grant is approved by y^{e}: R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Generall Letter dated the 20th September 1682. Paragraph the 25th and was thereupon continued to the successor of Pedde Vincatadry.

It is thereupon ordered that the Land Custom upon the amount of the Callicoes embaled since books Letter L.L. be charged to y^{e}: Merch^{ts}: acco^{ts}: at the same rate as they were in April 1682. Viz^{t}: halfe a fanam upon a Pagoda, deducting the halfe of one quarter part belonging to Timapa Mooda Verona and Allingall w^{ch}: reduceth it to 7/16 of a fanam upon a Pagoda and the Land Custome entred in books letter L.L. amount to Pag^{s}: 791 : 4 : 3. be allso rated after the same manner, and the Joint Stocke Merchants to have Credit for the difference.

In order to the stating of the Custome payable by the merchants upon future Investments, It is resolved that whereas formerly the whole Land Custome was no more then halfe a fanam ꝑ Pagoda or one Pagoda fourteen fanams ꝑ Cent. The Custome payable now is two and halfe ꝑ Cent, The merchants ought to pay as others pay for Callicoes and all other goods imported or Exported, for any other acco^{t}: besides the Investments of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company.

The reason assigned for the abatement of halfe Custome upon that quarter share of Pedde Vincatadry and Partners in the Letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company dated 5th: January 1681. seem to be the principal ground whereon the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company confirmed the grant whereof one is that they used to be at Extra charges in Pischashing the Government. But by the examination of the Merchants acco^{ts}: it appears that the partners of the said quarter share did not use to beare those charges but brought it to the acco^{t}: of the Joint stocke, and therefore if that be a reason for abatement of Custome, that abatement ought not to be made for y^{e}: quarter share, but to the whole stocke. The other reason is considerable viz^{t}: that the Country Government will [take] example and make them pay as wee doe and will always hold good so long as the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Merchants doe injoy the Priviledges of paying but halfe Custome in the Cornatta & Golconda Countrey, upon w^{ch}: acco^{t}: we judge it most for the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: interest that the Joint Stock Merchants or Contracters for the provision of Callicoes doe pay but halfe the Custome which others pay Viz^{t}: for soe much as is actually delivered to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company, so that whereas the Merchants paid but 1^{pa}: 7 f^{a}: 3^{ca}: ꝑ Cent. they are now to pay but p^{a}: 1 : 9 f^{a}: upon the Investments, and full Custome for all other goods Imported and Exported.

The Governour acquaints that yesterday morning Hojee Mahomod Allee comeing to Town he sent the Braminy, Mulla and Cojee Saffur [Caun] to discourse wth: him concerning the wrecks, and upon their produceing our perwana's from the grand vizier^{r}: and Nabob, Hee ordered his officers not to hinder in the saveing and bringing away of the wrecks wth:out makeing any distinction between the ships belonging to the English and other Nations, but because the Duan and Emaun Beague are his Enemies, he desired a copy of the Viziers Perwanna for his justification which was given him wth: a private intimation that he should be gratified for his civility, which ought to be done by y^{e}: person[s] concern'd in the wreck proportionably to what shall be saved.

And further that he sent a message to Hojee Mohomod Allee concerning Timapa that he was indebted to the Companys Merchants on acco^{t}: Twenty thousand Pag^{s}: and to prevent payment had run away to S^{t}: Thoma, and therefore demanded he should be delivered according to salabad: Upon w^{ch}: he promised if a person were sent to him to S^{t}: Thoma to make a publick demand there he would secure him, but before Hojee Mahomod Allee's returne Timapa was gone from thence, being assisted with Peons by Occapa Naigue, of whom there is notice taken in the Diary of the 10th: Ins^{t}:

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
THO : WRIGHT.

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25. Ship Welcom Francis Holt Mast^r : arrived in y^s : road from Pegue.

Parr Perversear belonging to the Dutch sailed for Sadrasspatnam by whom sent a generall Letter to the Cheif and Councill there, incloseing the Masters rec^t : for what furnished him w^th : for s^d : Parr.

Received a generall Letter from Fort St. David dated the 18^th : Ins^t :

Dispatched a generall Letter to the Govern^r : & Councill of ffort S^t : David [of]yesterday and this days date.

MONDAY 27.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE : NATH^L : HIGGINSON ESQ^R : LIEU^T : GENER^L OF INDIA
M^R : JOHN STYLEMAN M^R : WILLIAM FRASER
M^R : CHARLES BARWELL M^R : THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R : MATTHEW EMPSON *indisposed at y^e Mount.*

M^r : Thomas Wright read his Paymasters acco^ts : for the month of March last particulars viz^t :

Charges Garrison	Pag^s :	873 : 16
Charges Generall	„	386 : 18
Charges Merchandize	„	34 : 16
Charges Cattle	„	63 : 3
Vizagapatam Factory	„	53 : 7
Yegmore &c^a : New Towns	„	... 18
Charges Diett	„	291 . 25
Garrison stores	„	33 : 20
Fortifications and Repairs	„	230 : 14
Ship Elizabeth	„	390 : 29
Acco^ts Presents	„	6 : 29
Factors Provisions	„	37 : 27
	Pag^s „	2402 : 6

The Mary Buoyer having lost her bolt sprit and broke severall beams, and dammaged severall other of her Rigging. The Paymaster is ordered to cause her to be repaired and furnished w^th : the necessary stores.

The Bengall Generall Letter dated the 14^th : Febru^ry : adviseing that they had given Captain Masfen an order to take in nine servants belonging to the Nabob Zulphaker Cawn, and that to make roome for them and their Lumber they were forc'd to take out about 50 maunds Rice, but had left y^e : adjustment of the freight to us, for which the owners demand Pag^s : 70 : 18 fanams, alledgeing that there is so much due according to y^e : accustomary freight. The Paymaster is ordered to pay them Pag^s : fiftey in full and place it to acco^t : Charges Extraordinary w^th : five Rupees that M^r : Hatsell advises to have furnished them w^th : at Fort S^t : David as by their acco^t : produced.

M^r : William Fraser warehousekeep^r : pays into the R^t : Hon^ble : Comp^s : Cash Pag^s : two thousand on acco^t : goods and Rupees sold.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper doe provide and Lade (besides what formerly ordered) the following particulars aboard the King William for ffort S^t : David being wrote for in their Generall Letter of the 18^th : Instant Viz^t :

Timbers 50 or 60 Long and short.
Teake Planke of severall sorts 60.
Wax two Candy.
Aurora ffive Bales.
Saltpetre twenty Candy.
Indigoe one hundred Baggs.
Bucketts ffiftey.

Complaint having been made by Madrantala in a letter to the Governour received last night that Doctor Brown had gone to the house of Ananta-Terterra

his Junkanneer of Ipere and carried him away by force, and robbed him to the value of six thousand Pags: as by a List sent Doctor Brown being sent for gives this acco^t: that on Saturday having rid out to Yegmore in Company, in their returne by the Ipere Choultrey the moors Peons called him names, and he rideing up to them to demand the reason there followed more aggravating words and beat him, when he came home being informed where the Cheif man of the Choukey lived, he tooke his sword & Pistoll and being followed by his boy with another Pistoll and his Horsekeeper went to the house and by force tooke out Ananta Terterra and brought him to the Bridge gate, where understanding that that was not the man which had abused him, let him goe.

Ananta Terterra doeth allso further complain that Doctor Brown broke his face w^th: a Pistoll pulled his beard &c^a: and was robbed to the value of six thousand Pags: which thô there is noe Reason to believe, yet the Duans Officers will take occasion to make a demand as accustomary and give us trouble by complaining to y^e: Nabob and D^r. Brown being apparently guilty of a breach of the Peace, It is resolved that he be committed to the Custody of the marshall that others may be deterred from the like, and that the Inhabitants may understand that such practices are not allowed.

Ordered that Pags: two thousand be paid to Dom Theodore S^t: Lucar being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Governour and Councill of Fort S^t: David dated the 11^th: Instant, as advised in their Generall Letter of ditto date.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.

Sloop Gallat arrived in this Road from Queda. 27.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 30.

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^L HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUT: GEN^L: OF INDIA
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R: CHARLES BARWELL M^R. THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R: MATTHEW EMPSON *indisposed at y^e Mount.*

Ordered that Pags: two hundred be paid to M^r: Dan^l: Chardin being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Governour and Councill of Fort St. David as advised in their Generall Letter dated the 18^th: Ins^t: and Pags: two hundred to M^r: Alvarez and Pags: four hundred to Cap^t: Robert Masfen for two Bills advised in their Generall Letter dated 25^th Instant.

The Governour acquaints that the S^t: Thoma Avaldar having given order for the carrying away all the wreck goods of all the ships, the next day stopped all but the Armenians goods, who thô they went w^th: Ramapa to treat for all, yet, have since made a private bargaine w^th: him for themselves, and given him and his officers money, which makes y Avaldar expect the same from others, and would be a breach of our priviledge. The Armenians having occasion for Boats to bring away their goods, the Governour hath hitherto refused to lett them have any till the English goods be allso cleared, and Cojee Panous now comeing to desire boats, It is resolved that no boats be spared for that purpose till the English goods be allso cleared or brought away by force, w^ch: cannot be done till the owners have taken all out of the sea and brought them together.

Ramapa being yesterday sent to Hojee Mahomod Allee to make a possitive demand of our Salabad, he excused himselfe, by alledgeing that he had enemies that watched to doe him a mischeife and had acquainted the Nabob that fifty ships

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[30TH] were Cast ashore, and a vast treasure, but he had wrote to the Nabob, and gave his oath that in five days time he would cleare all.

Ordered that the following particulars be brought by the warehousekeeper and sent by y^e: King W^m: to Fort S^t: David being wrote for in their Generall Letter dated the 25^th: Instant Viz^t: Mortivan Jarrs twenty and one thousand Reapers.

The Arrac farmers pay into the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^s: Cash Pag^s. 166: 24 fanams on that acco^t: and M^r: Edward Tredcroft. Pag^s: 1200 on acco^t: Sea Custome.

A List being delivered of sundry persons who are gone w^th: Timapa, or at the same time have fled from the Towne or hid themselves in it, being either Conicoplies of the Joint Stocke or of the Pagodas or Timapas servants or Retainers. It is ordered y^t: copies of the said List be affixed upon the gates of the Blacke Towne in Jentue & Mallabar w^th the following order Viz^t.

The Governour and Councill doe Command these persons to appeare before the Gov^r: within twenty days, and if they doe not they are to bee Esteemed as Enemies to the place, and all their Houses Lands &c^a: to be seized to make satisfaction for the Debt due from Timapa to the Hon^ble: Comp^s: Merchants and others, these men having conspired with and assisted Timapa in makeing wrong accot^s.

M^r: William Fraser read his storekeep^r: acco^t: for the month of March last.

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NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.

MAY ℘^mo. Received two Generall Letters from the Chiefe & Councill of Vizagapatam both dated the 11^th: April 1696, adviseing that ship Russell ffriggat arrived there the 23^rd: March and sailed for Bengall the 27^th: Ditto w^th: severall other papers as ℘ List.

Received a Generall Letter from the Cheif & Councill of Sadrasapatam dated the 9 May / 29 April 1696.

Briggantine Gingerlee came into this road one Clais Johnson a Dutchman who had sailed in her many years comeing ashore and acquainting the Governour that as she lay in Anjengo Road to bee Laden for this place, in the night when he was asleep, the master sailed 14 days agoe, and comeing yesterday to the Seven Pag^s: on this Coast, the master and a Portuguez went ashore leaving himself and some sicke souldiers aboard, who sett saile and came hither. That the Vessell is Leakey and has three foot water in the Hold, allwais pumping and but one anchor and old Cable. Upon which the Paym^r: was immediately ordered to send of the Gunn^rs: mate w^th: the ffort Lasscars, and an Europe Carpenter of the King William to view the condition and stores of the Briggantine, and to Pump her clear, allso another Anchor and Europe Harser.

FRIDAY. ℘^mo:

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE NATH^L: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUT: GENER^LL: OF INDIA
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R: CHARLES BARWELL.

The persons sent aboard the Briggantine to view her, report that she is very Leakey and her rudder defective, and unfittt for a Voyage, and the following persons who came upon her from Anjengo were examined vizt.

Patrick ffagel, Antonio Lopez, John deLaiot, Domingo de Mendan, Sabiel Lopez & Roger Sharpe. They agree in the report given by Clais Johnson and

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considering the condition of the men vizt. Sharpea Cripple, Fagell halfe witted [of] Antº: Lopez a married man ordered to come to his family and John de Lay [. . .] to his daughter here, It is ordered that they be continued in the Rt: Honble: Comps: service in this Garrison, only Pedra Pia a Lasskar to be continued in the Briggantine.

Ordered that ten Peons be sent out to looke [for and] bring in the two men who went ashore neare Sadrasspatnam, it being believed by Sharpe that they [intend] for St: Thoma.

The fishing Cowle being expired yesterday another is given to the Cheife Mucquaw men they having advanced ten Pags: more then last year, and it being much more convenient for them then any other farmers who meet wth: great trouble from the Mucquaw men in the Collection of the Custom fish.

Ordered that 120 Madapollam Teake Timbers be bought of Joseph Hiller at the rate: pe. 3 3/8 ℔ Timber.

Ordered that the Lead remaining aboard Ship King William be continued for ffort St: David (out of which to be delivered there so much as the Governour and Councill demand) allso the Lead upon the Mary Buoyer to be continued for Bengall.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.

ATT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY 4.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR MATTHEW EMPSON *in disposed at the Mount.*

Ordered that Pags: one hundred fifty five be paid to Rogue Rodriguez being for one Bill of Exchange drawn by the Governour and Councill of Fort St: David dated the 18th: April [. . . .] in their Generall Letter ditto date.

The Paymaster is ordered to furnish the Gingerlee Briggantine wth: a master and one Englishman more and fourteen Laskars and Teake planke sufficient for her sheathing &ca:, stores necessary for her repairing either at Vizagapatam Bengall or Fort St: David as shall be further considered.

Ordered that Pags: one thousand be paid to Mr: John Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Mr: John Foquet Rentall Generall presenting an accot: of Quit Rent due from the washermen Amot: to Pags: Eight and four fanams which he cannot collect wth:out distraining from the poor people, It is ordered that the same be paid him out of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash. also that the Secretary doe pay him Pagodas twenty three and twenty four fanams out of the Pedde naigues money being for so much due severall of their Peons for the last years Quit Rent.

Mr: Walsh presenting a Petition concerning the ffreight of Rice Laden by him on Ship Mary att Acheen (as entred after this Consultation) the Sea Customer is ordered to make up the accot: of ffreight thereof at the rate of twenty two ℔ Cent.

Mr: ffarmer and Captain Howell presenting their bills of freight demanded for their [Silk &ca: return'd] by Ship Pearle from Tonqueen rated at twenty ℔ Cent, which was the rate for the whole freight [sent out and from hence for all goods sent from hence and their return in Silkes &ca: But considering that they carried the greatest part of their stocke (especially Mr: ffarmer) not in goods but in Silver and that the Commanders and ffactors goeing on voyages have

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allwais had some allowance of Priviledge, and it doeth appr: to us that by reason of the length and misfortunes of the voyage which lasted about two years and a halfe, and the badness of the markett for Tonqueen Goods, they will be considerable loosers by paying the usuall Respondentia. It is ordered that the Sea Customer doe make up their accot: of freight at ye: rate of Ten ℔ Cent.

Doctor Brown having Petitioned for his liberty and allso severall Patients, in consideration of their suffering for want of his assistance, It is resolved that he be discharged from his confinement giveing security to the Judges satisfaction.

There being ninety nine Baggs of Indigoe formerly ordered to be sent to Fort St: David by Ship King Willm: upon their advise that they could dispose of it there for prime cost, which by computation is with all charges about Pags: 13: 15: fanams ℔ Candy, but the Chief Dyers of this Towne having offer'd to give Pags: sixteen ℔ Candy for it all, and to pay for it as money shall become due to them for dyeing Longcloth &ca: for the Company, It is ordered that the warehousekeeper doe deliver the same to them takeing an obligation from the Cheif Dyers, and that the same be charged in the Generall Books to ye: Cheif Dyer.

Mr: John Foquett Rentall Generall pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: two hundred and thirteen on accot: Quit Rents &ca:

Generall Letter to his Excellency [Sr: John Gayer] dated this day, read to Paragraph the 14.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.

TO THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON LIEUTENANT
GENERALL OF INDIA AND GOVERNOUR OF
FORT ST: GEORGE &CA: AND COUNCILL

Honble: Sr: &ca:

In November last at Acheen I Loaded on board Ship Mary Capt: Thomas Oyles Commander 841 Baggs containing 789 Pecull 5 Cattees of Java Rice wch: computed is garse 13: mercll: 340: I have received on shore no more then Garse 12: mercll: 100 which is one garse less then was Laden (besides the accustomary allowance of 5 ℔ Cent breakage) as ℔ the accompanying accot: your Honr: &ca: may perceive I am a great looser, Your Honr: &ca: are sensible Acheen is not a usuall Loading Port: and that Ships Generall come over dead freighted, or on very reasonable tearms, I pay no more then twenty ℔ Cent for Paddy, and two Ships has brought it over for others at much or about that same rate, Therefore humbly intreat Your Honr: &ca: will appoint me to pay in proportion for my Rice, wch: all India over pays but halfe the freight of Paddy being double the price, and please to consider the loss I shall sustain if allowance be notmade for what Rice is wanting, being I presume purloined on board the Ship. wth: Submission to your Honr: &ca: better Judgemt: crave leave to subscribe as I allwais shall acknowledge myselfe.

Yr: Honrs: &ca:
Most humble and obedient Servant
ENOCH WALSH.

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4. Ship Salamat came from St: Thoma into this Road.

5. Recd: Letters from Mr: William Soams dated 16th: March 169 5/6 and from Mr: Francis Delton no date from Acheen to the Govr:

7. Ship St. Thoma John Tyler Mastr: Sailed for Bengall.

Recd: a Generall Letter from the Govr: & Councill of Fort St: David dated the 2d: Instant &ca: papers according to List.

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ATT A CONSULTATION — THURSDAY 7.

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHL : HIGGINSON ESQR : LIEUTENT : GENLL : OF INDIA
MR : JOHN STYLEMAN MR : WILLIAM FRASER
MR : CHARLES BARWELL MR : THOMAS WRIGHT
MR : MATTHEW EMPSON *Indisposed at the Mount.*

The Paymaster having bought an anchor for the use of Ship Elizabeth, who lost her anchors in the storm, which being now recovered and the ship having no occasion for it, It is ordered that the Storekeeper doe pay for the same, being bought at five Pags : ℔ hundred pound.

The Briggantine Gingerlee proveing so leak[y] that she is Judged uncapable to turn it against ye : wind to Fort St : David, It is resolved that she sail on monday next for Vizagapatam, and that the Mary Buoyer doe accompany her to Vizagapatam to carry Ten thousand Pags : in Pags : and Rupees and as many Rupees for Bengall as can be gott ready in that time, and two pieces of Crimson, fflint ware &ca : Rarities to the amount of 50 Pags :

Ordered that Pags : Ten thousand and 15 Bales of Broad cloth ordinary, 10 Bales of Perpetuans : fine and 10 Bales of Perpetuanoes ordinary be sent to Fort St : David by Ship King William.

Ordered that Pags : one thousand be delivered to ye : Warehousekeeper to pay for three thousand five hundred Rupees bought for Vizagapatam at the rate of 350 for one hundred Pags : and Pags : one thousand to the Paymastr : for defraying chargs : Garrison.

It being moved whether the King William may be lett to freight to China, It is considered that thô there did appear a probable prospect of a full Lading when we did before resolve upon her being sent home in September, yet the last advice from ffort St : David informe that their Merchants will not contract because of the dearness of [. . .] and the Moratta troubles, allso from Vizagapatam that thô their Merchants did contract for 30,000 Pags : deliverable in August, yet they can't comply with more then twenty thousand, so that there appear some reason to fear a disappointment, and the ship detained here severall months upon dead demorage, on the other hand the Armenian Merchant (thô a small ship) did not returne from China time enough to unlade and [be] Laden for England so as to save her passage, and the King William being thrice her Burthen, we can't depend upon her timely returne to be dispatched for England any time in ffebruary. But besides there is not stocke enough for the freighting of the whole ship wth : out reserving a considerable part on the Comps : accot : which part must be supplyed by a stocke of Broad cloth or Lead, which cannot be disposed of in Canton either for Gold or Goods but such as ye : buyers will barter for. Besides the Rt : Honble : Company advise us of their mannageing the China trade directly from England, Upon the whole it is resolved that the King William cannot be freighted for China.

Mr : Edmund Mountague pays into the Rt : Honble : Comps : Cash Pags : 164 : fa 20 : ca 5 : as the balance of his Land Customers accot : Ending the ulto : March 1696.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
CHA : BARWELL.
THO : WRIGHT.

Ship Sallamatt sailed for Bengall. 8

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Saturday 9.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON *Indisposed at the Mount.*

Mr: John Styleman pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: four thousand for which Bill given him payable upon demand.

Generall Letters to Fort St. David and Vizagapatam both dated this day read and approved.

Nabob Zulphaker Cawn having sent an order to Hojee Mahomod Allee, wth: a List for buying Europe cloth, which order and List Hojee Mahomod Allee sent to the Governour desireing to buy, but ye: Govr: apprehending it a fitt oppertunity for obligeing the Nabob, and discourseing wth: severall concerned [Re] ye: ships Cast away at St: Thoma from our Road who consented to pay their proportion (wch: is thought reasonable to be paid by all proportionable to [ye] salvage). The Governour thereupon caused one piece Crimson, seven pieces Broad cloth ordinary, and four pieces Perpetuanoes fine, and four of Perpetuanoes ordinary to be sent to the Nabob wth: a letter claiming ye: English Priviledge of having wrecks deliver'd to them, and it is agreed that in consideration of ye: Publick good concerned in this particular case, and upon request of the concerned, the cloth be paid for att Invoice price.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.

10 Dispatched a Generall Letter to the Governr: & Councill of Fort St. David of yesterdays date wth: 21 fanams.

Monday 11

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON *Indisposed at the Mount.*

The warehousekeeper scrupling to signe an order to ye: Commander of Ship King William for receiving freight goods after the Bill of Lading for the Rt: Honble: Comps: goods is signed without an order of Consultation. It is ordered that he give the Commander order for ye: following goods.

The Governour Empty bags 300.
Mr: Wright Teake Planke 96.
Suncha Rama two fardles of cloth and corall.
Japa Chittee seven fardles of silkes &ca:

The ffreight whereof either to be stated by the warehousekeeper, or left to be received at Fort St. David at the usuall rates.

Ordered that Pags: 109: $\overset{fa}{12}$: $\overset{ca}{5}$: be paid to Mr: Richard ffarmer, being so much due to him on the balance of an accot: of Disbursements at Malacca & Acheen and Pags: 221: 34 fanams to Mr: Enoch Walsh being so much due to him on the balance of an account of Disbursements at Acheen as appears by their [accot:] of particulars.

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Mr: Charles Barwell sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: one thousand on account Sea Customs.

Ordered that Mr: Richard Farmer and Mr: Edward Bawgus doe take their passage on Ship King William to Fort St. David. allso Thomas Emmed to be gunners mate of Cuddalore, and Joseph Royall a souldier skilled in surgery to be assistant to Doctor ffaucet who is at present indisposed.

Severall merchants propounding to provide 300 Bales of cloth by September, they were ordered to bring their answr: on thursday next to ye: Sevll: questions delivered them, in order to concerting ye: termes.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.

ATT A CONSULTATION — THURSDAY 14.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENERLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Mr: Edward Tredcroft read the accot: of Sea Customs for the month of March last particulars: Vizt:

To Custom of Goods Imported & Exported this month.	Pa.	4322 : 28 : 95
To Ditto on Grain	„	1559 : 18 : ...
To Anchorage	„	53 : 18 : ..
To Tonnage	„	22 : 8 : ...
To Ship ffortune her freight from Acheen	„	11 : 19 : 5
To Ditto her freight from Fort St. David	„	21 : ... ...
To Ship Mary her freight from Acheen	„	606 : 5 : 33
To Salvage Vizt.		
1 Anchor [pz] 1408 lb. at pa: 6 ℔ 100 lb. ... Pags. 84 : 17 : ...		
1 Graplin ... . 4 :		
1 Anchor [pz] 207 at pa: 5 ℔ 100 : 14 : 31 :		
The Mucquaws ½ pd: at 3 : 18 ℔ 100 5 : 14 P 9 : 17		
2 Candy of Tutanague sold for 45	P	142 : 34 : ...
	Pags:	6739 : 23 : 23

Ordered that Francisco Buttavee Portugueze be Enter'd to serve the Rt: Honble: Company as a souldier.

Mr: Matthew Empson Land Customer read his accot: of Land Customs for ye: month of March ℔ticulars Vizt:

Choultrey Custom	Pags	368 : .. : ... :
Triblecane Custom	„	... : 16 : 40 :
Rubie Brokers	„	6 : 10 : 37 :
Cloth Brokers	„	19 : 35 : 39 :
Registring Slaves	„	23 : 28 : :
Fines	„	2 : ... : ... :
	Pags:	420 : 8 : 36 :

The Lieutenant Generall read his accot: of ye: Rt: Honble: Companys Cash for the month of April the balance being Pags: 9905 : 4 : and Thoms: Wigmore Secretary his accot: of Passes for ditto month and [paid] into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 2 : 24 : on that account.

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M^{r}: Edmund Mountague pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: 12 : 4 : 3 : on acco^{t}: of Custom recd : at the Choultrey for six months ending March last for the Town Conicoplies duty and Pag^{s} 64 : 29 : 2 : to the Secretary being so much received at the Choultrey on the Pedde naigues acco^{t}: for ditto time.

The Merchants offering to contract for about three hundred bales deliverable in September having delivered their proposalls in writing. It is thereupon first propounded to consideration whether the said offer should be in the whole rejected or further considered.

And it being moved whether it be not more convenient to put up bills on the sea gate inviteing any persons whatsoever to bring in cloth according to the Companys musters at prizes to be agreed. It is unanimously resolved that that the present offer be considered.

And first as to the undertakers mentioned in y^{e}: List produced by them, as the Chief undertakers & mannagers Viz^{t}:

Serapa.	Sura Vencate Rama Mutealla.
Mooderai.	Coapete Cash.
Bera Kisna.	Servanna.
Gongarra.	Pedde Chittee.
Vincate Kisna.	Perpantum Chittee.
Cornapa Chittee.	Rama Chittee.
Japa Chittee.	Nomeshewai.
Ranga Chittee.	Bassawapa.

Thô there are severall objections to be made against severall of them if a Chief merchant or Company of Merchants were to be settled for a Company. Yet the present proposall being made and intended only for the provision of a quantity of cloth against September next, and not to establish a ffort St: George Chiefe Merchant and Company, they are waved, and it is resolved to permitt the proposers to carry on their business by such persons as they agree among themselves, except such as are concerned in acco^{t}: wth: the Duan.

The term's of the proposall being considered severall alterations are made to be concerted at next meeting.

The ffleet ffrigot now arriveing the Commander brought us the Pacquet from the Agent &^{ca}: of Bengall containing their Generall Letter dated 13th: March $169\frac{5}{6}$, wth: the Severall other papers according to List.

Ordered that the ffleet frigots whole Cargo from Bengall be unladen wth: all convenient expedition.

The further consideration of said Ship &^{ca}: referred to next meeting.

Nath : Higginson.
Jo : Styleman.
Will : Fraser.
Cha : Barwell.
Tho : Wright.

14 M^{r}: Ellis and M^{r}: Braddyl who came upon the ffleet ffriggat from Bengall came ashore this Evening.

Friday 15

Att a Consultation

Present

The Hon^{ble}: Nath^{l}: Higginson Esq^{r}: Lieuten^{t}: General of India.

M^{r}: John Styleman	M^{r}: William Fraser
M^{r}: Francis Ellis	M^{r}: Roger Braddyll
M^{r}: Charles Barwell	M^{r}: Thomas Wright

M^{r}: Matthew Empson

The Commission from the R^{t} Hon^{ble}: Company dated the 6th: March $169\frac{4}{5}$ was read and M^{r}: Ellis and M^{r}: Braddyll tooke their places in Councill as appointed by said Commission.

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Doctor Brown reporting that Mr: Masson by his confinement had contracted a sickness and yt: for the recovery of his health it was necessary he should be removed and Mr: Chardin and Dr: Brown offering their Bond of one thousand Pags: for his appearance when required, It is agreed that the same be accepted, and the Lieutenant of the Guard is ordered to discharge him from his confinement in the ffort.

The Bengall Generall Letters dated the 19th: & 29th: ffebruary and 13th: March 169⅚ being perused.

That of the 19th: doeth advise that they shall be able to dispatch a ship of 400 Tons in August.

That of the 29th: that they can dispatch home one ship in August and believe they may another but cannot promise, because they can expect noe [. . .] can [. . .] in and [. . .] and Mr: Braddyll [. . .] of all the goods [. . .] doeth amount to [. . .] saltpetre, and will be [. . .] ship and Mr: Ellis and Mr: Braddyll [. . .]declaring it to be their opinions that [. . .] buy two hundred Ton of bale goods for [. . .] by August, there is no reason to depend upon their dispatching both the Russell and Fleet ffrigats from Bengall fully laden, and if the ffleet ffrigat doe goe from hence to the West Coast, she may arrive in Bengall time enough to be dispatched from thence in November.

Resolved that the ffleet frigat proceed for the West Coast and from thence to Bengall wth: what Pepper ready.

That ship Elizabeth be sold to John Dolben Esqr: for Pags: five thousand wth: all stores and Imprest money now paid and provided under a Covenant of being returned to us if we require it, at her returne from China, at a price to be then adjusted by indifferent valuation.

That the Mary Buoyer stay to take with her sixty thousand Rupees for Bengall or so many [. . .] and [. . .] and also to carry the [. . .] Vizagapatam [. . .] Briggantine Gingerlee proceed [. . .] for Vizagapatam to be repaired [. . .] delivered yesterday from Berra Timapa [. . .] Polligar read, adviseing that Timapa was in that wood and desireing that Doctor Blackwall might be sent to him to write a Petition also answers to the said Letters.

Ordered that the Stores &ca: allready Laden on board the Elizabeth be Traversed on board the ffleet frigat.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL
THO: WRIGHT.

Recd: a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated ye: 11th: Instant. 16

Delivered William Griffin Mastr: of ye: Brigantine Gingerlee his dispatch for Vizagapatam and our Generall Lre to the Cheife &ca: dat. the 9th: & 15th: Instants.

ATT A CONSULTATION — MONDAY 18TH.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENERAL OF INDIA.

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS	MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR:	MR:

MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

All the Councill being duely summoned. John Dolben, Esqr: pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: five thousand being for the Ship Elizabeth, sold him

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[18TH] wth: all stores, now belonging unto her, and Imprest wages paid, under this proviso, that at her next returne from the now intended voyage to China, he shall deliver ye: said Ship to the President and Councill of Fort St: George if they shall see cause to demand her, they paying him such sume as the said ship shall be then apprised to be worth by the valuation of persons indifferently chosen.

Mr: Charles Barwell pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 1738 : 24 : 2 : on accot: Sea Customs being in further part of Pags: 3346 : 29 : 4: the balance transferred to his accot: from the accot: of Mr: Edward Tredcroft.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.

18 Briggantine Gingerlee Wm Griffin Mastr: sailed for Vizagapatam.

19 Ship Eagle John Cockroft master arrived from Anjengo: and Persia, and brought a Generall Letter from the Commodore & Councill at Anjengo dat P mo Inst. and from Mr: Owen &ca: Councill at Gombroon dated 17th: March 95/6 adviseing the Death of Agent Gladman.

Articles of agreement made in Fort St: George this 26th: day of May 1696. Between the Honble: Nathl: Higginson Esqr: Lieutenant Generall &ca: Councill of Fort St: George and the under written merchants in behalfe of themselves &ca: Hundred Share Merchants Vizt: Checca Serapa, Nataraya Pilla, Soora Vincate Rama Mootella, Copate Cash, Pacala Vincate Kisna, Servana, Conde Vella Madava Shette, Berra Kisna, Cornapa Chittee, Ayapa Ranga Chittee, Porepadum, Raca Chittee, Namshevoyam, Bassowapa.

The said Merchants doe contract that they will provide for the Rt: Honble: Company the following goods to the amount of Pags: twenty thousand to be sorted by the Rt: Honble: Comps: servants according to the usuall musters of Fort St: George Vizt:

	Cov.			Pags		
Long cloth ordinary	72 L.	2¼ B.	No. 1	at 23	: 27 P. Corge.	
			2+	25		
			2	26	9	
			3	27	18	
Long cloth Blew	...	...	D	30	27	P. 8500
			D+	29	18	
Long cloth Brown	...	...	6	26	9	
Salampores	32	2¼	3	11	18	
			9	12	=	2500
Salampores Brown	...	...	3	11	18	
			9	12	=	
Ginghams ...	40	2¼	35	63	—	1600
			35+	60	—	
Ginghams four thread	16	1⅞	34	32	—	2000
			34+	30	—	
Moorees superfine	18	2½	12	39	—	2000
Bettellas	40	2	26	37	—	
			25	34	18	3000
	50	2	29	37	—	
			28	34	18	
Neck Cloths ordry at 35 Neck cloth ₱ Pagoda.						400
			Pags. ...			20000

and they are to deliver Embaled to the amount of Pags: seventeen thousand of the severall sorts proportionably before or within the month of September, the remaining three thousand Pags: before or within the month of January next.

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The said Lieutenant Generall &ca: Councill doe contract and promise to pay unto the said merchants ye: said sume of twenty thousand Pags: in manner following Vizt: in Europe goods deliverable on demand the sume of four thousand Pags: Vizt:

Broad cloth ordy:	Pieces	90 at Pa: 21 ℔	Ps pa:		1890
Aurora		08	42	„	336
Perpetuans fine		30	13	„	390
ordry		40	8	„	320
Cloth Rashes		20	16	„	320
Lead at 9 Pags: ℔ Candy		82: lb.	333	„	744
			Pags:	...	4000

The remaining sixteen thousand Pags: as follows Vizt: 5000 Pags: on the sealing of this Contract, and the rest before the end of July as occasion shall require and shall allso pay unto the said merchants twelve ℔ Cent over and above the forementioned prizes for all the Callicoes Embaled before the last day of September next, or delivered into the sorting Godowne by the first day of September next ready for sorting. And that the said Merchants may bee the better enabled to performe the foregoeing Contract in due time, they doe Contract that they will make a Joint stocke of one hundred shares each share consisting of one hundred Pags: whereof the one halfe to be paid into the said Merchants cash with [in] Ten days after the date hereof, the other halfe as occasion requires, which joint stocke and their whole trade for the Rt: Honble: Comps: accot: is to be mannaged according to the rules and orders agreed between the President and Councill and the joint stocke Merchants on the 12th: August 1688 or such orders as shall be hereafter agreed. Particularly that such of the Merchants as shall be appointed to keep ye: Cash shall not disburse any part there of but by an order signed by the Major part of such persons as ye: Merchts: doe appoint to be the Chief mannagers of their business under penalty of forfeiting to the joint stocke the sum or sumes so paid, and the Conicoplies appointed to keepe the accots: are to produce unto the Cheife Mannagrs: an accot: stated of the joint stocke and Investments before the first day of March next, under penalty of forfeiting to the joint stocke all their wages and double the amount thereof, and everyone who hath a share in the said Joint stocke, that shall by the said Conicoplies accot: appeare indebted to the joint stocke, shall within ten days after the said accot: is produced, pay or deposite the sume under penalty of forfeiting to the joint stocke, double. In case of any stops or Embargo's laid by the Country Governmt: the Lieutenant Generall and Councill doe promise to use their endeavours to cleare the same, but the risgoe and charge is understood to belong to ye: merchts: as usuall.

காரணப்ப செட்டி
அய்யப்பன்
రంగ్గయ.
பொற்பாதம்
இரங்கன்
நமசிவாயம்
పాకల వెంకట క్రిష్ణుడు.
சரவணன் கையெழுத்து
మాదవశెట్టి చేవ్రాలు.
భేరి క్రిష్ణమ చేవ్రాలు.
చక్కా నర్సప్ప.
சிவகடாக்ஷம் நடராயன்
వెంకటరాముని చేవ్రాలు.
కొప్పరపుకాశివ్రాలు.

Signed and sealed in the presence of Tho: Wigmore Secry:

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THURSDAY 21.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^L: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUTENANT GENER^LL: OF INDIA
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R: FRANCIS ELLIS M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R: CHARLES BARWELL M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R: MATTHEW EMPSON *Sicke*

Ordered that Pag^s: 150 be paid to M^r: Thomas Wright being for one bill of Exchange drawn by the Governour & Councill of Fort St. David dated the 16^th Instant.

Ordered that William Goodman a degraded Serjeant and John Gordon a degraded Corporall who were sent upon ship Eagle from Anjenga be entertained in y^s: Garrison as souldiers and kept to double centinells Duty till further order.

Ordered that Pag^s: one thousand be paid to M^r: Thom^s: Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

The tobacco farmers pay into the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^s: Cash Pag^s: 241 : 24 fanams being for one month Ending the 16^th: June 1696.

Generall Letters to the Commodore and Councill at Anjenga, and to the Governour and Councill of Fort S^t: David, both dated this day read and approved.

Ordered that Peter Copey a ffrench man be Entertained a souldier to goe wheresover the R^t: Hon^ble: Company has occasion for him.

M^r: William Fraser read his acco^t: of y^e: warehouse for the month of April last.

The Merchants signing the Contract Entred before this Consultation, It is ordered that Pag^s: five thousand be paid them upon the said Contract.

M^r: Charles Fleetwood having delivered his answer to his acco^t: as stated by M^r: Barwell &c^a: at the West Coast, the same is delivered to M^r: Barwell for his perusall and to give his opinion thereupon.

Resolved that Commissions be given to Francis Ellis Esq^r: appointing him Capt^t: of the trained band and M^r: John Affleck Lieutenant and Cap^t: Charles Metcalfe Ensigne.

Timapa having sent another Letter renewing his request that Doctor Blackwall may be sent to him to write a Petition, It is ordered that Ramápa write a letter to acquaint him that we ordered him to come.

There being frequent reports of Morattas marching this way w^th: their Army, It is ordered that one hundred Peons be Entertained for doubling the out Guards.

Ordered that Pag^s: 3257 : 2 . 1 : be paid to M^r: John Cockroft and Pag^s: 896 : 5 : 5 to the freighters of Ship Eagle and Experiment being for two Bills drawn by Commodore Braborn &c^a: Councill at Anjengo dated the primo Instant.

Cap^t: John Merry Command^r: of Ship ffleet ffriggat delivering a request (as Entred after this Consultation desireing that one thousand Doll^rs: mentioned in said Ships Charterparty be paid him, It is ordered that the warehousekeeper doe deliver the same to him taking three receipts.

Resolved that 150 Candy of Mallabar Pepper be bought of the freighters of Ship Eagle at the rate of Pag^s: twenty-three and a halfe ℔ Candy, which the warehousekeeper is ordered to receive and report its weight.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA : BARWELL.

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TO THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR:
LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA & COUNCILL.

Whereas there is provision made in shipp Fleet frigots Charterparty that one thousand Dollars may be taken up in India, for the use of the ship on the term's therein mentioned, and having occasion for said sume to furnish the ship wth: Provisions &ca: I doe request yor: Honr: &ca: will please to order ye: same to be paid, and in consideration of my proceeding to ye: West Coast & the shortness of my stay here, if possible in Dollars, wch: will be a great conveniency to

Yor: Honr: &ca: humble: Servt:
Fort St: George, 21st: May 1696. JOHN MERRY.

Delivered Passes to ship Olive Branch, James Howell master, and ship 21
Senhora de Rosairo Joseph de Sosa Master both bound on trading voyages.

Ship Sta: Cruze belonging to the Armenians John De mark Supra Cargo and John Hartop Pilot arrived in this road from Persia.

Dispatched Generall Letters to the Goveruour & Councill at Anjenga both of this days date:

The Company of trained Bands being met this morning in the Fort after they 23
were called over the Governour deliver'd Commissions to the Captain Lieutenant and Ensigne as ordered ℘ Consultation of the 21st: Instant.

Ship nos Senhora da Remendo Manuel Patchego Commander came from St: 24
Thoma into this road.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 25.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON *Sicke*

Capt: Merry Commander of Ship ffleet ffriggat delivering a paper of Complaint against John Stepney his second mate (as Entered in the Coppy Booke of Letters) which contains matter of high nature, that he refused his Commands and stirred up mutiny in the ship, and tore the Commdrs: Coat of his backe and endeavoured to throw him overboard openly declaring himselfe as good a man as his Commander, and wished himselfe ashore wth: him to try.

Mr: Stepney denyeing the matter of fact and both he and the Commander desireing that severall ℘sons belonging to the ship might be called to declare what he knew, the Commander was ordered to send for them ashore tomorrow morning. It is ordered that Mr: Fraser and Mr: Barwell doe take their examiñacon upon the particulars of Capt: Merry's paper.

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer read his accot: Sea Customs for the month of April last particulars vizt.

Custom of goods Importd: & Exportd ys: Mo:	Pa:	86:	8:	57
Ditto on Grain	,,	100:	34:	55
Anchorage	,,	19:	...	...
Tonnage	,,	25.	...	...
	Pags.	231:	7:	1

Ordered that 150 Candy of Lead be Laden on board the ffleet friggat for the West Coast & Bengall.

Mr: Ellis and Mr: Braddyl adviseing us that just before their departure from Calcutta Mr: Bowridge comeing from Hughly informed that the french had

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suddainly fitted the Postillion the designe unknown, but supposed to be either to meet the french fleet or cruze for Prizes.

It is thereupon resolved that the Mary Buoyer be detained till further advices.

There being a considerable quantity of Paddy brought in dayly by Land to the Banksoll more than can be sold by retail, It is ordered that Moota Sing the Banksoll Conicoply doe buy thirty or forty Garse at the present markett prize, which is twenty or twenty-one mercall ℔ Pagoda to be sold out by retail a Garse or two at a time to govern the price when it shall grow dearer, and the Paymaster is ordered to make a partition with [. . .] Banksoll for keeping the same.

There being but one ship in the road supposed to be fitt for a voyage to Tonqueen the Eagle of Seventy or Eight Ton, and is to be sold by outcry, It is ordered that the Gunner wth: the Carpenters of the ffleet frigat doe survey her so soon as she is unladen.

Ordered that the following Europe cloth be Laden on board Ship Elizabeth for Canton consigned to Mr: Dolben and Mr: Trenchfeild Supra Cargos vizt.

Crimson	Ps.	2
Aurora	,,	2
Broad cloth ordinary red	,,	2
Ditto green	,,	1
Perpetuanoes fine red	,,	4
Ditto ordinary	,,	2

under orders to sell the same at the best markett price, and to enquire the quantity of each sort vendible, to lay out the produce in fine wrought velvetts according to the muster designed by Issa Cooley for the Mogull, and the overplus in gold or the best sort Camphire.

Briggantine Acheen Merchant being bound on a trading voyage to the west coast of Sumatra to those parts where Benjamin is procurable, whereof there is none to be brought at Bencoolen as Mr: Barwell advises, and the Governour offering in behalfe of ye: owners to Contract for the delivery of twenty five candy at the ships returne if procurable of the same sort that was sent home by ship Mary at Pags: ninety ℔ Candy the same is accepted and agreed too.

Mr: William Fraser storekeeper read his accot: of stores for the month of April last, and pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: four thousand on accot: Rupees sold.

Ordered that Pags: four thousand be paid to Mr: John Styleman being for so much borrowed of him the 9th: Instant payable on demand.

Letter from Mr: Noden to the Lieutenant Generll: dated the 10th Instant read.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

WEDNESDAY 27.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDINARY

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENANT GENERALL OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON *Sicke*

The Governour doeth acquaint the Councill that by the ffleet frigat he received a Letter from the Agent of Bengall, wherein he writes these words vizt:

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I feare there is an abuse in your Honrs: Mint having found amongst those Rupees sent by this shipp one that's Iron cased over wth: silver, I thought fitt to give your Honr: this notice, that your Honrs: Majestys order an inspection thereinto, (I enclose the Rupee for your Honrs: perusall) and there being at that time a considerable quantity of silver in coining thought it convenient not to make a publick inquisition till the coining thereof was finished that the whole parcell might be examined at once, and sent to Bengall, and in the meantime caused private inquiry to be made, but can find no ground for mistrusting particular persons and there being now about sixty-two thousand Rupees ready coined for Bengall and delivered to the warehousekeeper, he ordered six of the eminentest shroffs in Town to come tomorrow morning for the Examining the whole parcell before they are sent to Bengall, and this morn: sent for the Mint Braminies Goldsmiths & stampers and Engraver of the stamp and Mulla, the Rupee being view'd by them all was at first concluded to be a counterfeit stamp, they observing many differences in the Character, but upon a more nice observation one side agreed exactly, and the differences in the other side appeared to proceed, from its being twice stamped. There was allso a hole in the middle of the Rupee and a riseing on one side which made it looke like a plated coin but the Rupee being cutt thrô the middle and the silver burn't, it appears to be good silver and not to be plated, so that there appeared no reason for these to charge the Minters.

Mr: Braddyll doeth further inform that he say's a copper Rupee in Bengall plated with silver which Mr: Cormelo the Buxes servant said he had received from the Agent to defray charges, wch: Mr: Braddyll ordered to be cutt in pieces and proved to be Coppr: plated wth: silver, wch: was a new Rupee and suppos'd to be coined in Madrasse, but did not examine ye: Character, but that the said Rupee was not produced to the Agent and Councill.

Concerning the latter Rupee it is resolved that the Agent and Councill be ordered by our next Generall [. . .] further inquiry ye: certainty [. . .].

Mr: Fraser humbly conceives that a thing of ye: nature that so highly concerns the Comps: interest as the reputation of their silver mints, the Agent of Bengall &a: Councill ought to have advised of the same in their Generall Letter, and that ye: rupee said to be one of those sent down by the ffleet frigat to Bengall and returned here, ought to be certified and attested by some of the Councill or other of the Rt: Honble: Comps: servants, that the said Rupee was one of those sent down by the ffleet frigat.

The Governour doth suppose that the Agent did apprehend privacy to be the best means for discovery, and thought it no sin to communicate a thing of that nature in a private letter to a person whom the Rt: Honble: Company thought fitt to appoint Lieutenant Generall of their affairs in India, and may be supposed to have as much authority for keeping some things that relate to the Rt: Honble: Comps: affairs private as Mr: Fraser, who to this day refuseth to discover things which he saith are of great importance thô required by act of Consultation to discover the same.

Mr: William Fraser and Mr: Charles Barwell represents the examination of severall men be[longing to the] ffleet friggat as relating to the difference between the Commander and Mr: Stepney, his second mate, by which as well as the discourses wch: have passed here between them, their spirits seem so imbitterred one against another that it will be very difficult to reconcile them, and it appearing that Mr: Stepney severall times in the voyage disobeyed the Captains order, and has been guilty of [mis]behaviour and provokeing Language tending to publick disturbance, and Capt: Merry declareing now before us, as he hath severall times heretofore, that it is not safe for the ship and Cargo that Mr: Stepney proceed in her, It is our unanimous opinion that Mr: Stepney ought to be discharged.

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Samuel Cruff third mate appearing to have abetted and sided w^th: M^r: Stepney, It is ordered that he remain in the ffort in order to a further consideration.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.

27 Received a Generall Letter from the Governour and Councill of Fort St. David dated the 23^d: Instant.

29 Received a Generall Letter from the Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam dated the 3^d: Instant w^th: Copy of their Diary and Consultation from the 10^th: March $169\frac{5}{6}$ to the 9^th: April 96.

SATURDAY 30.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDINARY

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^L HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUT. GENERALL OF INDIA
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R: FRANCIS ELLIS M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R: CHARLES BARWELL M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R: MATTHEW EMPSON

The Councill was summoned to peruse the Translate of Letters received from Governour Pitt this afternoon by a Cattemaran dated the 6^th: June S. N. adviseing that four ships appear'd before Trincomalay and remained there when the advices were written from thence dated y^e: $\frac{27\text{th}}{17}$: and it supposed they are either Dutch ships from Batavia or ffrench ships, the latter suspected by their way of working.

It is ordered that on Monday morning next the Councill meet to resolve upon a method for defending the Garrison in case of an assault, wherein advices to be allso taken from the Chiefe Inhabitants, who are to be summoned for that purpose.

Letter from the Governour to Govern^r: Pitt of this date in answer to his dated the 6^th: June S. N. read and approved.

Fort St. George, June 1696.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

JUNE 1MO MONDAY. Dispatch't [*About half a page lost here*].

Ordered that Pag^s: 178: 18: fanams be paid Capt. Metcalfe and M^r: George Lewis and Pag^s: 150: M^r: Batson Pearson being for two Bills of Exchange drawn by the Governour & Councill of Fort St. David dated the 23^th May last.

M^r: Thomas Wright Paymaster read his acco^t: for the month of April particulars viz^t:

Charges Garrison	Pag^s:	843: 17
Charges Generall	,,	457: 21
Charges Cattle	,,	63: 35
Charges Merchandize	,,	6: 21
Charges Diett	,,	269: 8

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Fortifications and repairs	Pag^{s} :	77 :	27
Vizagapatam Factory	,,	2 :	7
Yegmore, &^{ca} : New Towns	,,	... :	18
Ship Elizabeth	,,	1280 :	5
[. . .]	,,	18 :	25
	Pag^{s} :	3019 :	35

[. . .] Warehousekeeper pays into [the R^{t}.: Hon.: Comp.: cash] Pag^{s} : three thousand on [. . .] desireing us to [. . .] The warehouskeeper [. . .] such to them [. . .] candy for y^{e}: same [. . .] Esq^{r}: and M^{r}: [. . .] of Ship [. . .] severall Letter to the Deputy Governour and Councill of York Fort both dated the 29th : past read and approved.

Cap^{t} : Merry makeing a request for his Charterparty quantity of redwood to be Laden on board here, which is considered and may the better Expedite his business and hasten his dispatch from the west Coast to Bengall.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper do lade the same accordingly being 18¼ Tons.

Upon inquirey made of the Masters of three ships in this road, they inform that they & another Goa ship passed by Trincomalay between the 11th: & 26th: May w^{ch} : gives us good reason to thinke y^{t}: those were the Ships w^{ch}: the Dutch saw & supposed to be ffrench. However in persuance of the order of Consultation on 30th: past, severall of the Chief Inhabitants being summoned it was recommended to them to consider of the best means for secureing the Garrison and acquaint the Gov^{r} : or any of the Councill wth: their advice as they found occasion.

Nath : Higginson.
Jo : Styleman.
Will : Fraser :
Ffrancis Ellis.
R. Braddyll.
Cha : Barwell.
Tho : Wright.
M. Empson.

2. This morning the Councill mett to read and sign the following Letters for Tonqueen Viz^{t} :

To the King of Tonqueen.
To the Prince of Tonqueen.
To Mons^{r} : D'Aunur Bishop Tonqueen all dated this day.
To M^{r}: Watts &c^{a}: Councill dated the 30th : past which were delivered to M^{r} : Dolben and M^{r} : Trenchfeild to be sent overland from Canton.

3. Received a Generall Letter from ffort St. David dated the 30th : past.
Ship Elizabeth Cap^{t} : William Legat Commander sailed for China.

Att a Consultation — Thursday 4.

Present

The Hon^{ble} : Nath^{l} : Higginson Esq^{r} : Lieut. General of India
M^{r} : John Styleman M^{r} : William Fraser
M^{r} : Francis Ellis M^{r} : Roger Braddyll
M^{r} : M^{r} : Thomas Wright
M^{r} : Matthew Empson

M^{r}: William Fraser warehousekeep^{r}: pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: thirteen thousand on acco^{t} : Silver &c^{a} : sold.

Ordered that Augustin de Rosairo be entertained a souldier in this Garrison.

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Ordered that Pags: 3852 : 31 fa. : 2 ca. : be paid to the freighters of ship Eagle for Candy 163 : 19 mo. : 1 d. : Malabar Pepper delivered as by his report now produced to the Warehousekeeper.

Mr: Matthew Empson Land Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 600 on accot: Land Custom.

The Book keeper produces the Journal and Ledger of the Generall accots: brought up to the end of April 1696 in order to be balanced.

Ordered that the following Bills drawn by the Governour and Councill of Fort St. David as advised in their Generall Letters dated the 23th: and 30th: May be paid vizt:

Mr: Thomas Wright	Pags: 500 :	— :	— :
Mr: Alvaro Dafonseca and Compa:	,, 496 :	1 :	4 :
Mr: Samuel Glover	,, 400 :	— :	— :
Mr: Richard Hartop	,, 80 :	— :	— :
Capt: Robert Masfen	,, 271 :	3 :	— :
	Pags: 1747 :	4 :	4 :

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: cash Pags: 1700 an accot: Sea Customs and the Arrac farmers Pags: 166 : 24 fanams on that accot:

Mr: Keeling the late chief of Tonqueen having been formerly demanded to produce his Consultations, Diaries, Bills of Lading or Invoice relating to the Junke Voyage allso the Bills of the Severall Tonqueen Debtors to the Rt: Honble: Company. Hee hath hitherto and now given no other answer but that he hath left all his concern and Papers in the hands of som persons in Tonqueen under such orders that they will deliver nothing except he goes himselfe in person, and refuseth [. . .] in whose hands the same is left, affirming that he doeth not know himselfe, and tho he hath frequently expressed in discourse in such a Manner that we have suspected he was inclinable to distraction, but upon Consideration of the Cunning disposure of his affairs in Tonqueen to secure them from seizure, and the subtle evasive answers wch: he frequently gives, it may be suspected that he Counterfeits and designes to make his escape to Tonqueen by the first oppertunity. It is therefore resolved that the Attorney Generall doe enter an action against Mr: Keeling in the Court of Admiralty for twenty thousand Tale in behalfe of the Rt: Honble: Company, being for about 12000 Tale appearing by the Generall Books lost by the Junke Voyage and for severall Debts for which Mr: Keeling refused to deliver the bills in Tonqueen, for want of which said Debts cannot be recovered.

Ordered that Pags: 211 : 17 : 3 : be paid to Mr: Daniel Chardin being for Philigrine China Plate &ca: Rarities bought at the outcry of the Morning Stars cargo in persuance of an order of Consultation of the 12th: March last to be presented to the Nabob.

Narrains Petition being read for his enlargement on security, or liberty for goeing to Bengall, he was sent for, and upon his request for liberty to a voyage either to Bengall or Manilha, It is resolved that he have leave to make a voyage to Manilha by the next ship, In the mean time that he have his liberty upon good security given for his forthcoming till the ships departure.

Allso that Pedda Tombe Chittee, Tondaway Chittee and Conicoply Paupia be discharged upon their giveing such security as are sufficient to answer ye: demands of the Joint stocke Merchants.

NATH: HIGGINSON.	R. BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN.	CHA: BARWELL.
WILL: FRASER.	THO: WRIGHT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.	M. EMPSON.

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The Josia Ketch arriveing this afternoon from Bombay the Councill mett to 5
peruse the Letters received from the Generall and Councill at Bombay dated 18th: May last.

Briggantine Acheen Merchant Richard Phrip Mastr: sailed for the west coast 6
of Sumatra. Ship Chairaree belonging to ye: Moors sailed for Bengall.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 8.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENERAL OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Mr: William Fraser warehouse-keeper pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: four thousand on accot: Rupees sold.

Ordered that Antonia Fonseca and John Perreira two Portuguez be Entertained to serve the Rt: Honble: Compa: as souldiers where they shall have occasion.

A complaint having been made by Mr: Wm: Cawley that Mr: Richard Hartop and Mr: James Coventrey had assaulted and beaten him in his owne house and opposed the officers of the Guard when they came to keep the peace. The Attorney Generall is ordered to exhibit an information the next Court day in ye: Court of Admiralty against: said Hartop and Coventry.

Ordered that John Shibley be discharged from ye: gun roome.

Mr: Thomas Marshall Register of the Court of Admiralty pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 86: 7fa: on accot: Court fees &ca: from November 1695 to June 96.

Mr: Matthew Empson Land Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 8: 32 fanams on accot: of the Town Conicoplies duty and Pags: 41: 18fa: 3ca: to the secretary on accot: of the Peddenaigues duty being for the months of April and May last.

Ordered that one Pagoda sixteen fanams be paid to Suncha Rama being so much short paid him, the second May last for Pecul 176: [. . .] Gallingall bought of him.

Ordered that 15 or 20 Ton of Red Earth be unladen and brought ashore from the Josia Ketch or at least such a quantity as the Capt. Sais' he can conveniently spare to make her sailworthy.

Mr: Hugh Kennedys accot: wth: the Rt. Honble: Company at York Fort, Examined and the particulars concerted wth: him in order to its being stated.

While in Consultation came a Pacquet from Tringombar directed to Mr: Affleck wch: brought severall particular Letters from Europe by two Danes ships, adviseing that the Princess, Anne, Resolution, Defence, Success and Seamour were taken by the french in their returne, and the Henry drove ashore & lost on the Coast of Ireland by a Privateer, the Hawke only arriveing in safety.

The same ships allso brought Letters from the Cape adviseing that the Armenian Merchant & Nassaw were at the Cape in November and the London frigot and Amity in January.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

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8 Received a Generall Letter from the ffort St. David dated y^e : 5^th : Instant.

8 A Lascar belonging to Briggantine Gingerlee comeing to Town this Evening, informs that y^e : vessell proved so leaky that they were forced to run her ashore a little below Metchlepatam, where the master had sold all Cables, Anchors &^a : belonging to her and was comeing hither overland w^th : the rest of the men.

10 Ship S^t : Pedro belonging to Cojee Saffur arrived from ffort St. David and Bengall.

12 Last night there being a Gun fired in the road the Gov^r : ordered a Cattamaran to goe off and see what Vessell 'twas and about two a clock this morning the Cattamaran brought a note ashore from Edward Harvey Master of the Mary Buoyer informing that the Josia Ketch was run away, and that [three] Boat swain was about her, and upon inquirey the following persons are found to be run away w^th : said Ketch Viz^t :

Belonging to y^e : Ketch.	...	Robert Colliner, Mate. Thomas Cragg-Boatswain. Richard Sims-Sailer.
Run from y^e : ffleet frigot.	...	Edward Hall-Cockswain. James Crofts-Armo[r]er.
From the Eagle.	...	Thomas Raines-Gunner.
From y^e : Mary Buoyer.	...	John Stevens, Boatswain.

One Tandell and 15 Lasscars most of them borne in Bombay. the Tandell has sailed in her these. Eight years, has family in Bombay, his name is Hosell.

None of the English understand navigation but Colliner.

The Ketch about 60 Tons carrys a Top-gallant mast have 12 Iron guns and 6 brass Rantackers, 8 (or) 9 barrells of Powder small arms for 40 men. Provisions and water for a month.

She sails well afore the wind, but upon a wind very dull and makes much Lee way. She has a Pinnace belonging to her w^th : y^e : Comp^s : Arm's carved in y^e : stern, The Comp^s : Arms were allso Painted on y^e : stern of y^e : Ketch, but are almost worn out.

14 Received two Generall Letters from the Chief & Council of Vizagapatam both dated the 23^th past w^th : Coppy of their Consultation & Diary from the 23^rd : May last.

MONDAY 15. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE : NATH^L : HIGGINSON ESQ^R : LIEUTEN^T : GENERALL OF INDIA

M^R : JOHN STYLEMAN	M^R : WILLIAM FRASER
M^R : FRANCIS ELLIS	M^R : ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R : CHARLES BARWELL	M^R : THOMAS WRIGHT

M^R : MATTHEW EMPSON

Ordered that Pag^s : one thousand be paid to M^r : Thom^s : Wright Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

M^r : Charles Barwell Sea Customer pays into the R^t : Hon^ble : Companys Cash Pag^s : one thousaud on acco^t : sea Custom, and M^r : Matthew Empson Land Customer pag^s 279 : 30 : 1 on acco^t : Land Customs.

M^r : Richard Blackwall requesting to be admitted an Attorney in the Court of Admiralty, and the Judge declareing his consent, the Secretary is ordered to give him the usual Certificate.

M^r : John Meverall pays into the R^t : Hon^ble : Comp^s : Cash Pag^s : 174 : 15 : 4 on acco^t : of the Town Conicoplies Duty, and Pag^s : 387 : 26 : 1 to the Secretary on acco^t : of the Peddenaigues duty being for the months of January, February, March and April.

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Joseph de Marcos Armenian his Petition read requesting that one Gregorio Armenian ffactor to him and John de Marcos the Elder Brother now in Bengall, may be compelled to goe into Bengall to render an acco[t]: of 12 years Factor Ship to John de Marcos and the said Gregorio requesting that he may here determine his acco[ts]: before the people of his own cast. It is resolved that it be referred to ten or twelve Armenians [for] their opinions whether Gregorio be by Custom of the nation obliged to goe and render his acco[t]: to John de Marcos in Bengall.

The Lieutenant Generall read his acco[t]: of the R[t]. Hon[ble]: Companys Cash for the month of May the balance being Pag[s]: 323 : 32 : 2 and Thomas Wigmore Secretary his acco[t]: of Passes for ditto month and pays into the R[t]. Hon[ble]: Comp : cash Pag[s]: 15 : 12 fanams on that acco[t]:

The warehouse keeper delivers in an acco[t] : of [. . .] remaining in the warehouse the 30[th]: of April 1696.

The Avildore of S[t]. Thoma and another Portuguez brought a Letter from Lewis francisco Cortenho [. . .] Captain Generall of S[t]. Thoma, desireing that four guns he had bought of Stephen Marcos Armenian may be delivered, which guns Stephen Marcos was about ten days agoe sending off aboard the Moccoa ship and upon inquirey made for what service they were intended, he pretended they were for the use of the Moccoa Ship, but being examined and found to bigg for to small a ship they were stopped.

Ordered that Pag[s] : 1500 : 5[fa]: be paid to the Mayor of the Corporation being for so much received into the R[t]. Hon[ble] : Companys Cash on acco[t] : of the Town Conicoplies Duty, in persuance of the R[t]. Hon[ble]: Comp[s] : orders in the Generall Letter dated the 6[th] : March 169$\frac{4}{5}$. The money paid into the R[t]. Hon[ble] : Companys Cash before the receipt of said order being Pag[s] : 1096. 35 fans. w[ch] : sum̃e in case the R[t]. Hon[ble] : Company shall not approve of its being paid to the use of the Corporation they are to refund.

M[r] : Stephen Baker Master of Ketch Josia being left ashore destitute of all necessaries (all he had being carried away on the Ketch) and desireing to return to Bombay by the first oppertunity. It is ordered y[t]: in the meantime he be Entertained as gunners Mate (at five Pag[s]: per mensem) of the Inner Fort and to have his Diett at the Generall Table.

Ordered that a Coved of the musters of the cloth mentioned in the last contract be delivered to the merchants at their request.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

Ship Olive Branch James Howell master and St. ffrancisco Manuel Patcheco master sailed for Bengall. 17

The Councill mett to read and signe a generall to the Deputy Governour and Councill of York Fort dated the ℘ mo & 16[th]: Instants and to read a Generall Letter to the Governour and Council of Negapatam dated this day.

The Avildor of S[t] : Thoma came to the Governour and [gave an] answer to the Cap[t] : Generalls Letter concerning ffour guns, and received this verball answer. That having friendship w[th] : the Moors who are Governours of S[t] : Thoma, we could not permitt Guns and instruments of warr to be carried thither from hence without the Avaldars consent expressed in writeing. The Avildor press[d] : an answer in writing but the Governour was not willing either to own or disown in writeing the Titles of Cap[t] : Generall &c[a] : w[ch] : Senhor ffrancisco Luis Cortenho doeth assume [. . .] since the last Goa ships arriveall, which it is [taken . . .] brought him such a Commission from the vice Royal but the Inhabitants of S[t]: Thoma doe not own 20

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[20th] him as Governr : nor doeth he appear to mañage business, only when he can catch any Portuguez in a fault lays fines upon them in the Kings name, and he threatens the Portuguez Inhabitants of this place for not removeing to St : Thoma, watching an oppertunity to lay hold of them, [and] senhor [. . .] Baptista has complained to ye : Govr : who gave him an assurance of Protection. Madrantula the renter of Pullemullee having caused above two hundred Cattle belonging to our Inhabitants to be secured in the Countrey [. . .] and other Provisions comeing in for the ffort use to be stopped at the Junkan, sending notice to the Governour that he and his family would this night remove, the Governour sent him word that when he had restored all that he had rob'd us of, his family should goe, in the mean time ordered the watching places to stop all goeing or comeing belonging to Madrantula.

20 The St. David Yatch John Campion Mastr : arrived from ffort St : David.

21 Ship Fleet frigot Capt : John Merry Commandr : sailed for York Fort, having spent two days in getting an Anchor lost in the road.

Monday 22

Att a Consultation

Present

The Honble : Nathl : Higginson Esqr : Lieutent : Genll : of India
Mr : John Styleman Mr : William Fraser
Mr : Mr : Roger Braddyll
Mr : Charles Barwell Mr : Thomas Wright
Mr : Matthew Empson

The Councill being duely summoned.

The Tobacco and Ganjee farmers pay into the Rt : Honble : Companyes Cash Pags : 241 : 24 : fanams for the month June Ending the 16th July 1696.

Mr : William Fraser warehousekeepr : pays into ye : Rt : Honble : Comps : Cash Pags : Twenty fonr thousand on accot : Rupees Ingott silver &ca : goods sold out of the warehouse.

What salary due to Mr : William Blunt in [India] from the 25th : March 1696, to the 20th instant was [paid] to him being Pags : 4, 5fa : 1ca.

Ordered that Pags : one thousand be paid to Mr : Thomas Wright Paymastr : for defraying charges Garrison.

Mr : Matthew Empson Land Customer pays into the Rt : Honble : Comps : Cash Pags : 253 : 26 fans : on accot : Land Customs and read his accot : for ye : month May last particulars Vizt.

Choultrey Custom	Pags :	480 : 14 : 55
Triblecane Custom	„	— : 8 : 45
Rubie Brokers	„	9 : 23 : 66
Cloth Brokers	„	14 : 31 : 55
Fines	„	1 : — : —
	Pag :	506 : 6 : 61

Ordered that fforty ffirelocke musketts be sent to Bengall ℘ the Mary Buoyer.

Ordered that John Chavala a Portuguez be [. . .] a souldier in this Garrison.

Having resolved of the 25th May to defer [despatching] the Mary Buoyer wth : Treasure to Vizagapatam and Bengall till further advices wth : respect to the french ships, and it being propounded whether to send her now, It is resolved to defer it till further advices, having received none [yet] in the mean time the Agent and Councill of Bengall be advised, if occasion require to take up money at Interest.

Generall Letter to the Agent and Councill of Bengall of this date read and approved to be sent by an Armenian Shipp. Allso a generall Letter to the Govr :

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and Councill of ffort S^{t}: David dated the 20th: Instant and to the Governour and Councill of Malacca and to M^{r}: William Soams at Acheen relating to the Josia Ketch both of this date.

M^{r}: Charles Barwell sea Customer read his acco^{t}: of Sea Custom for the month May last particula^{rs}: Viz^{t}.

To Custom on Goods Imported & Exported this month.	Pag^{s}:	2047 : 25 : 25
To Ditto on grain	„	242 : 28 : 4
Anchorage	„	29 : 18 : =
Tonnage	„	77 : 29 : =
	Pag^{s}:	2397 : 28 : 2

The ffrench Padre Michael, having been importune for the admission of a french Capuchin ffryer to be his Assistant, It is ordered that he and the other two Capuchin fryers his present assistants doe attend at Consultation on Thursday next.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
J^{o}: STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA : BARWELL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.

Dispatched Generall Letters to the Gov^{r}: & Councill of Fort S^{t}: David dated the 20th: Instant To the Governour and Councill of Negapatam dated the 17th: and to M^{r}: William Soams at Acheen dated this day Incloseing List of mens names w^{ch}: run away from the Josia Ketch to be sent from ffort S^{t}: David. 22

Shipp S^{t}: Pedro belonging to Cojee Saffur [Caun] Armenian sailed for Bengall. 24

Ship Boa Vista Menor Don Theodore S^{t}: Linar Commander Sailed for Manilha, by whom sent a Generall Letter to the Govern^{r}: and Councill of Malacca dated the 22nd: Instant incloseing an acco^{t}: of mens names run away wth: Josia Ketch and a discription of the Ketch.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present THURSDAY 25

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUT. GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON

Generall Letters received from the Agent and Councill of Bengall dated the 23rd: April and 4th: May last allso from M^{r}: Henry Stanley dated 16th: May last and from the Chiefe and Councill of Vizagapatam dated the 5th: Instant read and a Generall Letter to the Agent and Councill of Bengall of this date read and approved.

M^{r}: Charles Barwell, sea Customer pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: one thousand on acco^{t}: sea Customs and M^{r}: William Fraser warehouse keeper Pag^{s}: ffour thousand on acco^{t}: [of] Rupees and Silver sold, and read his warehouse and storekeepers acco^{ts}: for the month May last.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: one thousand be paid to M^{r}: Thomas Wright Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

The storekeeper declaring that there is no Europe Brimstone in Town to carry on y^{e}: makeing of Countrey Powder for the use of the Garrison and that there

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is no other save the ordinary sort which comes from Manilha, of which he has bought Ten Maund for a triall at Pags: 6: 13: fans: ℘ Candy which having refined there appears to be ⅕ part lost in weight which brings the Candy to nine Pags: wast and charges refining ye: same.

Ordered that 6 Candy for the present be bought and refined for the use aforesaid.

An answer given to Padre Miguel Anjo that wee could not admitt the french Padre whom he desired to be an assistant without a recommendation either from the Generall or Presidt: of Surat to whom he is known.

Ordered that the Paymaster doe continue Diett money to Paul Christian and Hendrick Anderson, two Dutchmen sent from Fort St. David in May last, but that they be not entertained into service being the runaway souldiers concerning whom there is yet depending a controversy between St. David and Tegnapatam Chiefe &ca:

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

26 Ships Seerlam [St. Caje . . .] and Sta Cruce sailed for Bengall, by the latter sent Generall Letters to the Agent and Councill dated the 22nd & 25th: Instants.

Dispatch'd Generall Letter to the Chief [. . .] Councill of Vizagapatam dated the 24th: Instant allso Duplicate of our Generall Letter dated the 9th: May wth: sevll: others as ℘ List.

27 Ship King William arrived from Fort St: David & brought us their Generall Letter dated the 23rd: Instant Inclosing Invoice and Bill of Lading for what [came] upon her.

SATURDAY 27TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENLL: OF INDIA

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS	MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL	MR: THOMAS WRIGHT

Mr: William Fraser storekeeper pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: Eleven hundred & fifty on accot: stores sold.

Ordered that Pags: 142: 30 fanams be paid to Mr: Richard Trenchfeilds Attorney, being for one bill of Exchange drawn by the President and Councill of Surat dated the 7th: May last for 500 Rupees paid into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash by the President there, as advised in their Generall Letter dated 7th: May 1696 and Pags: 120 to Mr: Thomas Wright being for one Bill drawn by the Governour and Councill of Fort St. David dated the 23rd: Instant as advised in their Generall Letter of ditto date.

Ordered that the Warehouse keeper cause the 267 Bales and two chests of Indigo from ffort St. David by ship King William to be unladen, and his Charter-party proportion of Red wood and saltpetre to be Laden to make her ye: better sail worthy, and for the convenience of stowing that the 888 Baggs Pepper be continued and ye: ship Dispatched to Vizagapatam wth: all expedition to carry the treasure appointed for that ffactory and to bring away their Bales the Commander being now advised to take the first opportunity of shifting his ship and stowing the saltpetre &ca: for Europe.

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The King William having brought Peter Hollandie al^s: S^t: David from Fort St. David in Irons for deserting his Post and running away w^th: his Arm's, It being a crime proper for the Cognizance of a Court Martial and y^e: Evidence being at Fort St. David without which he can't be tryed, It is resolved that he be returned to be tryed there.

NATH: HIGGINSON. R. BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN. CHA: BARWELL.
WILL: FRASER. THO: WRIGHT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS. M. EMPSON.

27 In persuance of the order of Consultation made this day for Peter Hollandies being returned to Fort St. David he was removed from the King William on board the St. David Yatch, and an order given the Mast^r: for his delivering him to the Gov^r: & Councill at Fort St. David on his arrivall there.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 29

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^LL: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUT GENER^LL: OF INDIA
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R: FRANCIS ELLIS M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R: CHARLES BARWELL M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R: MATTHEW EMPSON

Ordered that Lewis Rodriguez be Entertained as a Souldier in this Garrison, and Clois Johnson Amsterdam in the Gun Room.

M^r: John Foquet Rentall Generall pays into the R^t: Hon^ble: Companys Cash Pag^s: 350 on acco^t: Quit Rents &c^a:

The matter alledged by the Agent &c^a: of Bengall against M^r: Braddyll concerning coining of silver for y^e: Natives was examined, and the Entries of what pass'd order'd to be kept apart till finished and then Entred all together.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHAR: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

Fort St. George, July 1696.

℘^mo: Ship Mahomodee went out of y^e: [. . .] into S^t: Thoma.

ATT A CONSULTATION JULY THURSDAY 2ND.

Present

THE HON^BLE NATH^L: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUT: GEN^LL: OF INDIA
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R: FRANCIS ELLIS M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R: CHARLES BARWELL M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R: MATTHEW EMPSON

M^r: Thomas Wright read his Paymasters acco^ts: for the month May last particulars Viz^t:

Charges Garrison	Pags:	1016:	23:
Do. Diett	„	273:	32¼:
Do. Merchandize	„	18:	5:
Fort St. David	„	45:	5¾:
Charges Generall	„	690:	29:

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Charges Cattle	Pag^s:	52:	2:
Garrison stores	„	19:	25:
Fortifications and repairs	„	70:	4:
Charges Extraordinary	„	51:	14:
West Coast	„	81:	2:
Mary Buoyer	„	284:	23:
Yegmore &c^a New Towns	„	...	18:
Gingerlee Briggantine	„	385:	22:
Ship Elizabeth	„	173:	5:
Vizagapatam	„	2:	7:
Factors Provisions	„	9:	...
	Pags:	3174:	35:

The Bookkeeper produceing the state of joint stock Merchants acco^{ts}: for the last Contracts [. . .] 1692, 1693, 1694 by which there is a Balance due to them of Pag^s: 1101: 17 fanams. It is ordered that the same be paid to so many of the Chief Merchants of the then said Joint stocke, as are now upon the place, they giveing a receipt in full of all acco^{ts}: relateing to the said Investments, and to that time and that the acco^t: be entred in the Generall Bookes with a memorandum that all acco^{ts}: are adjusted wth: that Company of Joint stocke Merch^{ts}: to this time as by their receipt given.

M^r: William Fraser Warehousekeep^r: pays into the R^t: Hon^{ble}: Comp^s: Cash Pag^s: two thousand five hundred on acco^t: Rupees &c^a: sold.

There being severall things and a slave boy brought hither upon the Briggantine Gingerlee from Rhetorah which has no owners but suppo^d: to belong to the Master &c^a: left behind at Rhetorah. allso a Chest of Cloths &c^a: on board the Mary Buoyer now in the road, belonging to the Boatswain who run away in the Josia Ketch, It is ordered that the Paymaster doe cause them all to be sold at Publick outcry and an acco^t: thereof to be kept distinct.

Ordered that Pag^s: Twelve thousand (besides the ten thousand formerly ordered) be sent to Vizagapatam by Ship King William, under order of keeping all, or so much as they can make use of or apprehend may be Secure in the factory otherwise to return it by the same Ship.

Ordered that Pag^s: two thousand be paid to Serapa &c^{ca}: Merchants in further part of their Contract dated 21st: May last.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHAR: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

SATURDAY 4 This afternoone the Councill mett to read and signe a generall Letter of this Date to the Cheife and Councill of Vizagapatam and Capt: Thwaites Dispatch which was delivered him, and the Pacquet.

5 This morning Ship King William sailed for Vizagapatam.

MONDAY 6.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^L: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUT: GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R: FRANCIS ELLIS M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R: CHARLES BARWELL M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R: MATTHEW EMPSON

Ordered that francisco Robero, Nicholo Rosairo, David Madrass, Augustin deCruze, Thoma'd Mount, Jaspar Pent, and John Barrat Portugueze be Entertained

as souldiers, and that David Harway a Dane, and Anica and Aupia Lasscars be Entertained in the Gun Room.

There being an order of Consultation of 21st: May for the entertaining of one hundred Peons wch: could not be gott at the usuall pay, and the Naigue has procured ninety seven, 19 at 25 fanams, 17 at 23. 28. at 22. & 33 at 20 fanams each ℘ mensem. They are ordered to be paid from the first of June.

The Paymaster produceing a List of sicke mens Clothes and what wanting in the Hospitall, Hee is ordered to provide Cloths and Cotts to ye: amount of fforty Pags: whereof one third to be paid by the Churchwardens as usuall.

Ordered that Pags: one thousand be paid to Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges: Garrison, and that he pay Doctor Buckley Pags: one hundred for a chest of Medicines bought of him to send to the West Coast ℘ Ship fleet friggat.

Mr: Matthew Empson Land Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 110: 25 fanams on accot: Land Customs and the Arrac farmers Pags: 166: 24: fanams on that accot.

Discoursed concerning Mr: Ellis his accot: remitted from Bengall wth: their Generall Letter dated 13th: March by the fleet frigot, whereby he is made [Dr: rup 1767: An. 6:] whereof 1613: 14: being for the Interest of Goods Amot: to Rupees 7751: 15: 6: which he had received from ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: Godown over and above 20000 [. . .] which he had lent into the Rt: Honble: Comps: cash and in goods received, and Mr: Ellis alledgeing yt: he thinkes it unreasonable to pay interest from the time the goods were received in January and February 169¾, because he received some part from the warehousekeepr: after he was out and frequently desired an accot: from the Agent, but they did not state it till November 1694, from which time he is willing to pay the Interest. It is ordered that Mr: Ellis doe produce an accot: of what goods he received before and how much after he was out of the Agency.

The translate of a letter received from the Camp was read, it containing an accot: of some transactions there relating to this place of importance, It is referred to the consideration of each of the Councill against our next meeting further advice being in the meantime expected.

Lewis Farrell Corporall having served the Rt: Honble: Company in this Garrison for nine years is upon his request permitted to make a Voyage to Queda and to returne into his service and station in this Garrison.

NATH: HIGGINSON.	R. BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN.	CHA: BARWELL.
WILL: FRASER.	THO: WRIGHT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.	M. EMPSON.

Dispatch'd a Generall Letter to Mr: Phillip Noden at [Madras] of this date. 6

Received a Generall Letter from ye: Govr: & Councill Fort St. David dated 7 the 3rd: Instant adviseing they had drawn bills for [. . .].

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 9

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS	MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL	MR: THOMAS WRIGHT

MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

The Lieutenant Generall read his account of the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash, for the Month of June last the Balance being Pags: 40503: fa: 9: ca: 4: and the

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Taliars cash paid into the [Rt. Hon'ble Camp^{s}. cash] being examined, the Balance was found to be Pag$_{s}$: 2145 : 16 : 3.

Ordered that Pag^{s} : one thousand [be paid to] M^{r}: Thomas Wright Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

Ordered that James How a Musteez be discharged from the Gun Room Crew.

M^{r}: William Fraser warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys cash Pag^{s}: one thousand on acco^{t}: goods sold.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 721 : 28: fanams be paid to the following persons being for three bills drawn by the Governour and Councill of fort St. David, as advised in their Generall Letter dated the 3^{d}: Instant Viz^{t}:

To M^{r}: Richard Elliot	Pag^{s} :	491
To M^{r}: Daniel Chardin	„	120
To M^{r}: Stephen Frewen	„	110 : 28
	Pag^{s}:	721 : 28

A petition from Timapa received the 6th: Instant (as Entred in the coppy Booke of Letters) read.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA : BARWELL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.

11 Ship Diamond Henry Laurence Master arrived in this road from Persia by whom rec^{d}: a generall Letter from M^{r}: Benjamin Brangwin &^{ca}: Councill at Ispahawn dated the 21st: March 1695 and copy of a Generall Letter from M^{r}: Edward Owen, &^{ca}: Councill at Gombroon dated 17th: March 1695.

MONDAY 13. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}. LIEUTEN^{T}: GEN^{L}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON

M^{r}: William Fraser Storekeeper pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Pag^{s}; 550 on acco^{t}: stores sold.

Ordered that Josua Fenn be entertained in the Gun Room Crew.

The warehousekeeper produces an acco^{t}: wth: Madrass Weavours for neck cloths whereby they remain Debtors, Viz^{t}:

The Janrawar Cast	Pag^{s} :	21 : 32 : 8
The Sallawar Cast	„	21 : 14 : 60
The Punumbulum Cast	„	7 : 10 : 40

which debt do^{s} arise from the neck cloths being so much worse then muster, thô they brought in the full number of pieces contracted for.

Ordered that the said weavours be charged the said Balance till it can be recovered by further Employment.

There haveing been many Pawns taken there last year for Quitt rents charged upon severall Inhabitants, who either refused or were unable to pay. The Rentall Generall was ordered in ℘suance of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys orders to sell the

said Pawns, which was accordingly done, but the clamour and complaint made by the Poor among the Inhabitants, and the reports thereof in the Nabob's Camp, caused the Governour to order him not to take Pawns, but to proceed in the Collecting of the Quitt rents so far as he could without, and then to produce an acco^t: of Quitt rents remaining to be received for September 1695: that the matter may be resolved in consultation, which acco^t: he now produces amount to Pag^s: 205: 12: fanams Att present, It is ordered that the Rentall Generall do reduce the said acco^t: to the following Heads Viz^t. Peons, Souldiers Poor and unable to pay. Able to pay but refuse, such as claim Priviledge, Houses uninhabited and fal'n down and shops.

Translates of three Letters from the Camp advise that the ffrench or Portuguez from S^t: Thoma continue their applications to the Nabob &c^a: for procuring a ffortification at S^t: Thoma.

There being a ship lately arrived from Persia, It is ordered that a present of Vineager, Tobacco, fruit &c^a: be sent to the Nabob. Allso a small present to Wottomchund and Mahom d Arrief, according to a List now delivered the warehousekeep^r: amount^g: to about one hundred and ffiftey Pag^s.

The Sea having since the late storme gained much upon the Land, and come to near S^t: Thomas Point as to endanger its foundation. The Paymaster is ordered to cause the same to be stacked w^th: a double Row of Red wood stakes, in the same manner as York Point is staked.

The Paymaster is ordered to pay Ramapa Pag^s: twelve and Eighteen fanams ℔ mensem as Chief Dubash, from the 1st of May last, and it is recommended to the Councill to consider [. . .] persons fitt to be assistant to the Chief Dubash and Translater.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO. STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 16.

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^L: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUT: GEN^LL: OF INDIA.
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R: FRANCIS ELLIS M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R: CHARLES BARWELL M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R: MATTHEW EMPSON

The Governour represents to the Councill a complaint made to him by Vernatama widow of China Vencatadry, that she having borrowed about 300 Pag^s: of M^r: Elliot upon the Mortgage of her house, the Court had ordered her house to be sold, and that it was sold by M^r: Lovell for Pag^s: 360 at an outcry, thô it was worth above 3000 Pagod^s: and her servant had offerred five Pag^s: more at outcry, but would not be admitted. M^r: Elliot and M^r: Lovell being discoursed, M^r: Elliot declares that after many promises of payment she having put him of for a long time, he employed M^r: Lovell to Enter an action in the Court of Admiralty against her, upon which the Court ordered the House to be sold by outcry, and, that the Debt be satisfied out of the proceed. That before the sale he

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often sent to the widdow to prevent the sale of the House by Payment of his money, but she neglected and therefore after much patience, the House was on the 27th: March last sold and bought by Mr: Lovell between himselfe and Mr: Elliot for 360 Pags: after wch: Mr: Elliot offered her his halfe part of the house, for ye: halfe of the cost at outcry. But she neglected to pay and therefore they proceeded to pull down the house but still made her the same offer for his halfe part, Mr: Lovell insisted he had bought the house fairly at an outcry and that it was a hitt and he might lawfully enjoy the benefitt of his halfe part, and had since sold it for Pags: 300 to Mr: Laurence Bridger, who now demands Pags: 350, for the said halfe part, so that the house was now offered to her for Pags: 530, but she refused to give more then 400 Pags: since which Mr: Lovell proceeded in pulling down the House, which caused the widdow to renew her Complaints goeing from House to house exclaiming that her house that was worth above 3000 Pags: is sold for a tenth part, and a Garden that was worth two hundred Pags: sold allso by outcry by order of the Mayors Court for one Hundred Pags: so she is forced to quitt the Town.

Thô the sale of the House was mannaged never so fair, according to the rules of the Court, yet there being so great a difference between the value and the sale, it will give occasion of reflecting upon the common justice among those who doe not understand the rules of Court.

But there are some objections against the manner of proceeding, that whereas by the constant practise of the Court of Admiralty in the time of Sr: John Biggs and Mr: Dolben, all outcries were made by ye: Judge or Assistants, this was made by the Attorney of the Plaintiffe thô not empowered thereunto by the Court, who was both seller and Buyer, and gave himselfe possession, and hath taken to himselfe two and a halfe ℘ Cent Comission as his Attorneys fee (thô there is no such fee ever appointed) as apprs: by his accot: of the sale rendered into Court and now produced. Besides the order of Court appointed Bills to be put up in Jentue Malabar Portuguez &ca: Languages upon the severall gates of the Town, but Mr: Lovell doeth not remember that any Bills was sett up in the English Language, nor any upon the Sea Gate, which is the accustomary place, and the Cryer being examined now declares, that he sett up the House by Mr: Lovells order, who ordered him to bidd for his accot: to Pags: five hundred, and promised if he bought to satisfie him for his pains, and has paid him Eighteen fanams outcry fee, but expects four or five Pags: gratuity for buying. That at the outcry none bidd but himselfe (for Mr: Lovell) and one Vingo a Blacke fellow a relation of Veruatama (who was ordered by her to buy and prevent its sale to others) which proves that [. . .] was not a convenient place for the sale, because ye: blacke people, thô many present would not bid anything for the House, being esteemed among them a great Disgrace to sell the house of a family.

This matter relating to the reputation of the publicke justice of the Court, It is ordered that the Attorney Generall doe appear there in behalfe of Veruatama, that she may there obtain [. .] satisfaction as the Court shall upon further examination thinke fitt, unlesse Mr: Lovell shall in the mean time accommodate the matter wth: the woman, so as to prevent her further complaint.

For prevention of the like inconveniences for the future, It is ordered that all outcryes made by the Court of Admiralty be made by the Judge himselfe, or both or one of the assistants, and the accot: thereof be delivered to the owner and also rendered into Court, and that the owner be summoned to appear the next Court Day to declare his approveall, or objection against the sale and accot: and if the party doeth not appear on the said day, then the Court to proceed to confirming of the sale and granting Bills of sale.

And whereas the Court of Mayor and Aldermen have used to employ the attornys to make sales, It is ordered that all sales by outcry appointed by the

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Judgement of that Court be made by the Mayor : and two Aldermen and the Clerke of the Court, or two Aldermen and Clerke of the Court who are to mannage and keep acco^{t}: thereof. That one of the said Aldermen be of the same nation wth: the person to whom the goods belongs, if there be any of that nation among them, and that the Commission for the sale be thus Divided Viz^{t}: one ℔ Cent to the Mayor three-quarters ℔ Cent to each Alderman and halfe ℔ Cent to the Clerke, and that the acco^{t}: of the sale be delivered to the owners as before directed relateing to the Court of Admiralty.

Mudda Cawn a Patan who passes under the name of Doud Cawns Merchant comeing from Golcondah wth: a parcell of shawls, pretending not to sell them here, but after resting to proceed to the Camp to Doud Cawn. The Choultrey Conicoplies were ordered to take an acco^{t}: and found them to be 11¼ Corge ordinary sort of about Eighty Pag^{s}: ℔ Corge, and the said merchant having sent word to the Choultrey that he is goeing tomorrow to the Camp and offers them to take a list to see if he has sold any, It is ordered y^{t}: Choultrey Conicoplies doe take a list of the shawls, and permit the merchant to proceed takeing custom only for so much as is sold.

M^{r}: William Fraser warehouse keep^{r}: read his acco^{t}: of the warehouse for the month of June last, and M^{r}: Matthew Empson Land Customer read his acco^{t}: Land Customs for Ditto month perticul^{rs}: Viz^{t}:

Choultrey Custom	Pag^{s}:	456 :	1 :	53
Triblecane Custom	„	— :	16 :	40
Rubie Brokers	„	15 :	29 :	14
Cloth Brokers	„	27 :	29 :	73
Fines	„	2 :	— :	—
	Pag^{s}:	502 :	5 :	20

Ordered that William Cooper be cleared from the Gun Room for the service of the Mary Buoyer.

The warehouse keep^{r}: is ordered to buy two chest of Rosewater for this place, and two to be sent to Vizagapatam.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA : BARWELL.
THO : WRIGHT.

Received a Generall Letter from the President & Councill of Surat dated 9th: May 1696 w^{ch}: came by way of S^{t} : Thoma. 16.

ATT A CONSULTATION — MONDAY 18.

Present

THE HON^{BLE} : NATH^{L} : HIGGINSON ESQR. LIEUT : GEN^{LL} : OF INDIA
M^{R} : JOHN STYLEMAN — M^{R} : WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R} : FRANCIS ELLIS — M^{R} : ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R} : CHARLES BARWELL — M^{R} : THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R} : MATTHEW EMPSON

Having detained the Mary Buoyer in expectation of news relating to the french ships so long as is convenient, and thô we have received no advices, yet conclude that if they went to Bengall from Surat, they must be in the river before this, or if they spend time in some other place in order to their falling later into

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Bengall, they will not goe thither till the middle or latter end of August, It is propounded whether the Mary Buoyer shall be dispatched on Monday or Tuesday next for Bengall, and that the warehouse keep^r: doe lade aboard her all the Madrasse Rupees ready coined being about one Hundred thousand.

It is unanimously resolved in the affirmative and that the ship Eagle a Countrey ship now bound thither, be ordered to keep her Company.

M^r: Proby having demands on M^r: George Croke in Bengall, in January last obtained a warrant [. . .] the Judge of the Court of Admiralty directed to the Agent and M^r: Beard for attaching his effects in Bengall and for his appearance before the Court here, which the Judge declares was done w^th: an intention to secure M^r: Crokes Debt to M^r: Proby, but not to fetch him hither, to which purpose M^r: Proby promised him upon the takeing out the warr^t: to write to the Agent &c^a: and M^r: Proby now declares that he did write accordingly. But by a letter now produced by him from the Agent and M^r: Beard in answer to his letter to them it appears otherwise, and that they understood the intention of the warrant and of M^r: Proby's Letter to be, that M^r: Croke should be sent hither, and they write that they intend to send him in December, if he does not in the mean time comply in giveing M^r: Proby satisfaction.

The Judge did not acquaint the Councill w^th: the warrant before sent, nor hath the Agent &c^a: wrote any thing to us in their Generall Letter.

Resolved that the Judge of the Court of Admiralty doe not issue out warrants for calling before y^e: Court any of the R^t: Hon^ble: Companys servants or others from Bengall, Vizagapatam or other place out of the Bounds of Madrasse without the knowledge and consent of the Governour and Councill [. . .] in Bengall be [. . .]

Ordered that [. . .] twenty pieces of [. . .] and twenty pieces of [. . .] Chittee at the usuall [. . .]

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18 This morning rec^d: [. . .] David dated the [. . .] This Evening rec^d: [. . .] dated the 14^th: Instant [. . .] Govern^r: Pitt [. . .].

[. . .] Tonqueen. Inclosed in w^ch: came a Gen^l: [. . .] Gov^r: & Councill from M^r: Watts [. . .] December 1695 and copy of their [. . .] 20^th: October 95 to the 21^st: Dec^r: ditto [. . .] Samuell Hart master arrived [. . .] from the Coast Java.

[ATT] A CONSULTATION

Present

[. . .] THE HON^BLE: NATH^L: HIGGINSON ESQR., LIEUT GEN^LL: OF INDIA

M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN — M^R: WILLIAM FRASER

M^R: FRANCIS ELLIS — M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL

M^R: CHARLES BARWELL — M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT

M^R: MATTHEW EMPSON

[. . .] for three or four days past, gain'd [. . .] the shore and approached near [. . .] this day broke down part of two [. . .] sea gate. It is propounded to [. . .] by what means y^e: incroachm^t: [. . .] and in order thereunto [. . .] the principal Inhabitants of [. . .] summoned to meet on Thursday in [. . .] at four of the clocke in y^e: ffort [. . .] works and receive their advice [. . .] warehouse-keep^r: declares that Raggia [. . .] buy 50 Candy of Lead if he may [. . .] Pag^s: ℔ Candy and to pay halfe ready money and [. . .] is accepted.

Mr: Charles Barwell [. . .] the Rt: Honble: Comps: [. . .] on acco t: sea Customs [. . .] Customs for the [. . .].
To Customs [. . .] and Exported [. . .].
To Do: on [. . .].
To Anchoridge [. . .].
To Tonna[ge].
To Salva[ge].
To Freight [. . .].
To Freight of the [. . .].
Ordered that [. . .] Thomas Wright [. . .].
Discoursed [. .] Watts &ca: [. . .].
Ordered that [. . .] be paid to [. . .] part of their [. . .] us that they [. . .] the southern [. .] and desire in [. . .] ffort St. David [. . .] resolved that Bills be drawn on Fort [. . .] that the Merchants be debted to for the said summe.

Nath: Higginson.
Jo: Styleman.
Will: Fraser.
Francis Ellis.
R: Braddyll.
Cha: Barwell.
Tho: Wright.
M: Empson.

[. . .] Governr: Pitt dated 14/21 Inst: [. . .] to ffort St. David of [. . .] that wee had drawn a bill [. . .] Pags: two thousand payable to [. . .] Merchants.

[. . .] Goodman Master of the Mary Buoyr: the Pacquet for the Agent & Generall.
and Ship Eagle sailed for [. . .].
Last night the St: David Yatch arrived from Fort St: David. 23

ATT A CONSULTATION

Thursday 23.

Present.

The Honble: Nathl: Higginson Esqr: Lieut: Genll: of India
Mr: John Styleman Mr: William Fraser
Mr: Francis Ellis Mr: Roger Braddyll
Mr: Charles Barwell Mr: Thomas Wright
Mr: Matthew Empson

Mr: William Fraser Storekeepr: read his accot: of Stores for the month of June last.

Ordered that Anguro desilva a Portugueze be Entertained as a souldier.

Discoursed upon the Letters recd: from the Braminey at the Camp which advice of french and Portuguez who solicit the Nabob and Cheife Officers about St. Thoma and Madrasse, but the advice being imperfect and uncertain nothing is thereupon resolved.

Nath: Higginson.
Jo: Styleman.
Will: Fraser.
Ffrancis Ellis.
R: Braddyll.
Cha: Barwell.
Tho: Wright.
M: Empson.

MONDAY 27.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON[BLE] : NATH[L] : HIGGINSON ESQ[R] : LIEUT : GEN[LL] : OF INDIA
M[R] : JOHN STYLEMAN   M[R] : WILLIAM FRASER
M[R] : FRANCIS ELLIS   M[R] : THOMAS WRIGHT
M[R] : MATTHEW EMPSON

M[r] : William Fraser warehousekeep[r] : pays into the R[t] : Hon[ble] : Company[s] : Cash Pag[s] : seven thousand on acco[t] : Silver and Gold sold, and the Tobacco farmers 241 : 24 : fanams on that acco[t] : for one month Ending the 16[th] : August 96. Woota Lingua Pag[s] : 242 : on account Rice sold Viz[t] :

			mer[l] :				fa
June	Garse	5 :	151 : ¾	at 9½	Mercall ℔ p[a] : is Pa :	226 :	18
July	Do.	6 :	124 :	at 8	Do. „	315 :	18
		11 :	275 : ¾		Pa :	542 :	

Ordered that Andrew Smith be Entertained to serve in the Gun room.

The Indrapoora Books Letter C. being framed by M[r] : Butterfeild out of M[r] : Gubbon's loose papers according to his directions, but are vouched by no authentick acco[ts] : By the balance whereof M[r] : Gubbons has Credit for Dollars 25482 : 2 [Sov[s]] It is ordered that the accomptant doe cause an acco[t] : of his and all other Credits and Debts in Indrapoora Books to be drawn out, in order to their being transferred into York Fort Books w[th] : a memorandum of the imperfectnesse of Indrapoora Books, that it may be understood that the said Debts and Credits, thô so Entred for acco[t] : sake, yet require a further Examination, as not being all truely stated.

Ordered that the Paymaster doe pay Pag[s] : 12 : 18 : fa : for the freight of 300 : Basketts of Charcoal brought by Boat from Vizagapatam in ffebruary last.

M[r] : Matthew Empson Land Customer pays into the R[t] : Hon[ble] : Comp[s] : Cash Pag[s] : 428 : on acco[t] : Land Custom.

Ordered that Pag[s] : five thousand be paid to M[r] : Thomas Wright Paymas[r] : for defraying charges Garrison.

Ordered that the Paymaster, [Sen[r]] Lieuten[ts] : and Gunner doe view all the Gun Carriages in the Garrison and that the Defects be repaired allsô a spare Carriage for the biggest brass Mortar piece be forthwith made.

The Storekeeper reporting that there is no Europe Iron left, It is therefore ordered that all the old iron in the possession of the Storekeeper and gunner be brought together and so much as is fitt for it be applyed to the use of the Garrison and that twenty candy of the best Countrey Iron procurable be bought by the Storekeeper.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
CHA : BRADDYLL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.

27 Dispatched a Letter from the Lieutenant to Govern[r] : Pitt of this date.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 30.

Present

THE HON^BLE^ : NATH^L^ : HIGGINSON ESQ^R^ : LIEUT : GEN^LL^ : OF INDIA
M^R^ : JOHN STYLEMAN M^R^ : WILLIAM FRASER
M^R^ : FRANCIS ELLIS M^R^ : ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R^ : CHARLES BARWELL M^R^ : THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R^ : MATTHEW EMPSON

M^r^ : Thomas Wright Paymaster read his accounts for the month of June last particulars Viz^t^ :

Charges Garrison ...	Pags :	1154 :	13
Charges Diett ...	"	379 :	23
Yegmore &ca : Towns ...	"	... :	18
Charges Generall ...	"	343 :	18
West Coast ...	"	464 :	27
Charges Merchandize ...	"	17 :	04
Charges Cattle ...	"	61 :	20
Fortifications and repairs ...	"	268 :	14
Garrison Stores ...	"	32 :	01
Vizagapatam Factory ...	"	2 :	07
Mary Buoyer ...	"	189 :	01
Factors Provisions...	"	15 .	09
Charges Extraordinary ...	"	9 :	24
	Pags :	3488 :	35

Ordered that the warehousekeeper cause all the Pepper to be soop'd before Laded for England.

The Principal Inhabitants and Sen^r^ Merchants having w^th^ : the Councill on the 23^rd^ : Instant viewed y^e^ : sea side. The result is, that thô the sea doeth plainly increase and may in time hazard the walls, Yet it is not adviseable to stake it from Point to Point partly because the charge will be so great, supposed to amount to if well done at least Pag^s^ : five thousand, and partly because it is Generally doubted that it will not answer the end.

Ordered that George Kemble be Entertained a Gunners mate of the Inner Fort, and receive pay as such from the first Instant, having officiated in that place since that time, Cap^t^ : Baker late Master of the Josia Ketch, formerly appointed thereunto being sicke and desireing to be excused.

There being 110 : pieces of Long cloth bought by the warehousekeeper and intended for Painting but the Painters hands being allready full, It is ordered that the said 110 : pieces be made into shirts to be sent home by the King William.

Ordered that Pag^s^ : fifty be advanced to Raggo &^ca^ : washers.

Generall Letter to Fort S^t^ : David of this date read and approved.

NATH : HIGGINSON. R. BRADDYLL.
JO : STYLEMAN. CHA : BARWELL.
WILL : FRASER. THO : WRIGHT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS. M. EMPSON.

ATT A CONSULTATION

AUGUST MONDAY 3.

Present

THE HON^BLE^ : NATH^LL^ : HIGGINSON ESQ^E^ : LIEUT : GEN^LL^ : OF INDIA
M^R^ : JOHN STYLEMAN M^R^ : WILLIAM FRASER
M^R^ : FRANCIS ELLIS M^R^ : ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R^ : CHARLES BARWELL M^R^ : THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R^ : MATTHEW EMPSON

The Judge Advocate reports that the pm^o^ : Instant Judgement was given in the Court of Admiralty in behalfe of the R^t^ : Hon^ble^ : Company against M^r^ : Charles

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ffleetwood late Governour of York Fort for Dollars 6938 : 2 ^{sovs}: which at 17 by
fa. ca.
tale for ten Pag^{s}: is Pag^{s}: 4081 : 16 : 75.

A Petition from M^{r}: Charles Fleetwood was read (as entred after this Consultation) M^{r}: Fleetwood being called it was demanded what Debts are [. . .] owing to him at Bencoolen, He answers that he has severall Debts standing out at Bencoolen to the amount of Dollars 2800, which will app^{r}: by his own acco^{ts}: but that he hath no Bills, Bonds, or writeings to produce.

It being further demanded whether he did acquaint M^{r}: Barwell &c^{a}: when there wth: those Debts, or require their assistance for getting in the same, He answers he did not.

Being asked why he did not receive them himselfe having timely notice before his depar^{e}: he answers that most of the people were poor and had it not to pay.

M^{r}: Fleetwood further acquainting us, that he had some Debts due to him from able persons of this place to a considerable amount which he desired might be accepted in part payment. He is ordered to give an acco^{t}: thereof the next Consultation day, and that in the meantime Execution be suspended. Cap^{t}: Brooks and M^{r}: Bridger now appearing and declareing themselves to continue his Bale till they render his person.

Ordered that Antonio de Soisa, Matt. deSevaroa^{e}: and francisco de Cruce be Entertained to serve in the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company as souldiers in y^{e}: garrison.

The Rentall Generall produceing a List (as orderd by Consultation of the 13th: past) of persons unable to pay Quitt Rent, Houses uninhabited fallen down &c^{a}: amounting to about Pag^{s} : fifty. It is resolved that they be excused, but that he proceed to distrain as formerly upon those that are able to pay and refuse, keeping the distresses safe in a Godown till they are redeemed, takeing great care that none of them be injured or have just reason to complain, but that he doe not expose the distresses to publick sale till further order.

Generall Letter to Bengall of this date read and approved.

M^{r}: Charles Barwell Sea Customer pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: one thousand on acco^{t}: Sea Customs.

Ordered that Pag^{s}: one thousand be paid to M^{r}: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

The Choultrey Justices having produced Examinations taken by them concerning y^{e}: murther of a child in the blacke Town and the robbing of a Godown within the walls. It is ordered that the Judge Advocate doe cause a sessions to be held on Tuesday the 11th: Instant for the triall of the Criminalls and that the Examinations be delivered to the Attorney Generall in order to their prosecution.

Ordered that Rupees thirty five thousand new Madrasse (being all now coined) be sent to Bengall by Shipp Diamond she being a good countrey ship and the last bound thither this season.

NAT : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHAR : BARWELL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

4 Last night Ship Elizabeth William Rogers Master (belonging to Vizagapatam) arrived in this road from Acheen, by whom the Gov^{r}: received Letters from M^{r}: William Soams dated the 26th: June and 6th : July last, The former advises, that the greatest part of Ship Moco frigats Company conspireing together had on the 18th: June last murder'd the Commander Cap^{t} : Edgecombe a little to the North Eastward of Pullaway seized the ship and put Cap^{t}: Willock, the supra Cargo (for the intended China voyage) wth: 17 more who would not join wth: them in a

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Pinnace to sea, who arrived at Acheen the 21st: Ditto. The latter advises that the Josia Ketch came into Acheen road the 29th: June last [. . .] two men having cutt the Cable, and left the rest on shoare on the Niccombar Islands, wth: said Letters [. . .] came the Informations of severall persons relating to the murder of Capt: Edgecomb, and the running away the Ketch. [6TH]

Ship Diamond Henry Laurence master sailed for Bengall by whom sent Generall Letters to the Agent &ca: of this and yesterdays date. 4

Received Generall Letters from Fort St. David dated ye: ℘mo: Instant and from the Chief and Councill of Anjengo dated June last, and from Mr: Philip Noden dated the 22nd: July wth: an accot: of what recd: of William Gryffin belonging to the Briggantine Gingerlee. 5

Att a Consultation

Present

THURSDAY 6.

The Honble: Nathanl: Higginson Esqr: Lieut: Genl: of India
Mr: John Styleman — Mr: William Fraser
Mr: Francis Ellis — Mr:
Mr: Charles Barwell — Mr: Thomas Wright
Mr: Matthew Empson

The Lieutenant Generall pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 689: 30 fanams being for one Ingott of Silver No: 41 poiz standard lb. 84: oz. 9: dwt. 10: at oz. 14: dwt. 15: for ten Pags: being more then could be coined time enough to send to Bengall.

Generall Letters to the Governour and Councill of Fort St: David and to the Governour and Councill of Malacca, and to Mr: Wm: Soams resident at Acheen all of this date read and approved.

There being one hundred Pags: promised to Mr: Francis Betts when he went to the West Coast, as gratuity for Examining and stating the West Coast accompts (whereof he received fifty in part before his departure) which when he had begun he refused to finish and Mr: John Butterfeild being there, having undertaken and finished all their Generall Books with great labour and [. . .] (thô those accompts are not yet perfectly stated every particular accot:). It is resolved that the whole gratuity promised for that service ought to be paid to Mr: Butterfeild, and It is ordered that fifty Pags: be now paid him, and that the fifty Pags: formerly paid to Mr: Betts be charged to his accot: and when recovered from him the same allso be paid to Mr: Butterfeild.

Mr: William Fraser warehousekeeper pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: one thousand on accot: goods sold.

Generall Letter from the President and Councill of Surat dated the 4th: June 1696 now received by an Armenian Conveyance, adviseing that they are still under confinement, but hope in a little time to be at liberty.

Nath: Higginson. — R. Braddyll.
Jo: Styleman. — Cha: Barwell.
Will: Fraser. — Tho: Wright.
ffrancis Ellis. — M. Empson.

To The Honble: Nathll: Higginson Esqr: Lieutenant Generall &ca: Councill

Honble: &ca:

The last court day the judge of the Court of Admiralty and Common Pleas, gave judgement against me in the sume of Ryalls of ⅝6938: 2: which I do declare to your Honr: &ca: I am not able to discharge, therefore hope your Honr: &ca: will be pleased to take into consideration my following proposalls Vizt: to take upon

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the R^t: Hon^{ble}: Companys $acco^t$: the Debts owing to me at Bencoolen of which your Hon^r: $\&c^a$: shall have a true $acco^t$: and for the rest I will pass Bond for its payment as God Almighty shall from time to time enable.

Hon^{ble}: $\&c^a$:
Yo^r: Hon^{ble}: $\&c^a$: most obedient
August 3^d 1696. Humble Servant.
CHARLES FLEETWOOD.

6 Dispatched a generall Letter to Fort S^t: David Incloseing a generall Letter for M^r: William Soams Resident at Acheen allso a Generall Letter to the Governour and Councill of Malacca relating to ship Moco frigat all of this date.

7 Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort S^t: David of y^s: date. Incloseing a Letter from the Governour to Gov^r: Pitt, in which was inclosed Duplicate of our Generall Letter to the Governour and Council of Malacca dated the 5^{th}: Instant w^{th}: a List of mens names that murder'd the Commander of the Moco frigat and seized the ship for Piracy, also Copy of the informations of four men belonging to d^o: ship.

8 Madrantula haveing seized 250 Cattle in y^e: Countrey belonging to the shepards of Madrasse Hee had Caused all to be delivered to the owners except 60 belonging to the shepards who serve the [. . .] w^{th}: Butter and Milke. Upon complaint made to the Nabob, Madrantula caused them allso to be delivered and the shepards returned this night w^{th}: an $acco^t$: that they had received all but three which were for the present lost.

Letters received weekly from the spy Braminy at the Camp, give an $acco^t$: that the ffrench and Portuguez continue their solicitations there concerning S^t: Thoma and distribute their presents among all the considerable officers, but don't give any distinct $acco^t$: of their business and designe.

10 The S^t: David Yatch sailed for Fort S^t: David upon s^d: Vessell M^r: John Butterfield tooke his Passage and carried a Generall Letter to the Governour & Councill dated the 7^{th}: Instant Incloseing Invoice and Bill of Lading for what Laden on said Yatch.

THURSDAY 13TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: $NATH^L$: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: $LIEUTEN^T$: GEN^L: OF INDIA
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R: FRANCIS ELLIS M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R: CHARLES BARWELL M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R: MATTHEW EMPSON

The Lieutenant Generall read his $acco^t$: of the R^t: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash for the moneth of July, the Balance being Pag^s: 34406 : 7 : 4 : and pays in Pag^s: 932 : 31 : 20 ^{fa} : ^{ca} : whereof pag^s: 324 : is for the produce of Candy 5 : 21 lb Copper cash and Pag^s: 608 : 31 : 20 : on acc^{ot}: Custom of Gold coined in the Mint and Sarsapa $\&c^a$: Minters pay in Pag^s: 334 : 27 : fanams on $acco^t$: of their Debt to the R^t: Hon^{ble}: Company in the Generall Books Letter H.

Ordered that Pag^s: 24 be paid to the owners of Ship Morning Star for 8000 Canes delivered to y^e: warehouse $Keep^r$:

Andrew Gomes a Portuguez Souldier being claimed and proved before the Mayor to be a slave is discharged.

M^r: William Fraser read his warehouse and storekeepers $acco^{ts}$: for the month of July and pays into the R^t: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Pag^s: four thousand on acc^t: goods and Rupees sold, and Pag^s: five hundred twenty Eight 22 fanams on $acco^t$: stores sold, being the balance of the $acco^t$: of stores sold to the primo Instant, Excepting Pag^s.: 264 : 30 : standing out in Debts.

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Ordered that Andrez de fonseca, Francisco desilva, Thoma ferrera and Lazera Tales Portuguez be Entertained as souldiers in this Garrison.

Ordered that the warehousekeepr: doe deliver to ye: Gunner four Candy of Lead for the makeing of [small] shott for the use of the Garrison.

The Paymaster is ordered to gett ready 15 or 20 Bricklayers 4 or 5 Stone Cutters, 3 Carpenters and 2 Smiths to be sent to Rethorah by the Josia Ketch or to goe over land by the latter end of this month and that he Imprest one or two months wages to them Contracting with them to continue in the Comps: service there at least two years.

William Rogers Master of ship Elizabeth requesting leave to carry his wife to Vizagapatam being in the service of Mr: Holcombe, It is by majority granted he giveing the usuall Bond for returning when required.

The Judge reports from the special Court of Admirty: held on the 11th: and 12th: Instants for the trial of severall Criminals, that on the 11th: the Grand Jury found both the bills Viz Chinandree and Nulla Tombee accused of breaking into a Godown and stealing a considerable quantity of Quicksilver, and Hosana and Pochera for murdering of Dollagee, The Court adjourned their triall till yesterday the 12th: Chinandre pleaded guilty to his indictment Nella Tombe pleaded not guilty, the Court proceeded to their triall and the Petit Jury withdrew and returned & gave their verdict Viz: Nella Tombe guilty of péty Larceny, Hosana and Pochera not guilty of the murder.

The Sentence was accordingly that Nella Tombe should on friday next have one of his Ears cutt off and be whip't and turned out of Town. Chinandree to be Executed next Wednesday at ye: usuall place of execution between the hours of Eleven and twelve in the forenoone being the 19th: Instant and Hosana and Pochera were Discharged.

It is upon the question resolved that Chinandree be reprieved from the execution of Sentence of Death, and that he be sent to Anjengo to worke there in Irons, In the meanwhile to remain in ye: Custody of the Marshall, and that the Choultrey Justices see that the sentence of the Court be executed upon Nella Tombee.

Woota Lingua pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: Eighty, being part of the money formerly delivered him for buying of Paddy.

Mr: Matthew Empson Land Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 177: on that accot: and read his accot: for the month July Viz:

Choultrey Custome	Pags: 375: 12: 30:
Triblecane Custome	„ 7: 35:
Rubie Brokers	„ 25: 2: 54:
Cloth Brokers	„ 27: 20: 70:
Fines	„ 1:
...	Pags: 429: 07: 29:

Nino Chittee offering to sell 7 or 8 Candy of Sticklack of this Countrey at Pags: 12 ℔ Candy It is ordered that the warehousekeeper receive it according to the muster now produced, and that it be pack'd up in chests to be sent by the King William.

Nino Carpenter offering to sell two hundred Candy of Red wood at two Pags: ℔ Candy and 104 Maddapollam Teake Timbers at Pags: 2¾ each, and to be paid halfe money and halfe Broad cloth, It is ordered that the Warehousekeeper do receive and pay for the same.

NATH: HIGGINSON.	R: BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN.	CHA: BARWELL.
WILL: FRASER.	THO: WRIGHT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.	M: EMPSON.

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14 Ship Elizabeth William Rogers master sailed for Vizagapatam by whom sent a Generall Letter to the Chiefe and Councill and to y^{e}: Agent and Councill of Bengall both of yesterdays date.

17 Received a Generall Letter from the Governour and Councill of Fort S^{t}: David dated the 12th: adviseing they had drawn a Bill on us for Pag^{s}: 90: 20: fanams payable to M^{rs}: Woolnough wth: severall other papers according to List.

MONDAY 17.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUT: GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON

The Arrac farmers pay into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 166: 24 fanams on that acco^{t}:

Latcheme Chittee a Prisoner three years for six thousand Pag^{s}: on a Judgement obtained by Deveraya Chittee Presenting a petition (as Entred in y^{e}: Coppy Book of Letters) representing that Deveraya Chittee had private Witnesses, and the referrees made a report to the Court without hearing him.

That Deveraya has offerred to forgive the Debt if Latcheme will give a generall discharge. For the proofe of which a List is produced of the names of severall Wittnesses. It is ordered that the Choultrey Justices doe examine the said persons and such of the referrees as they shall thinke fitt.

On the 3^{d}: Instant Execution against M^{r}: Charles Fleetwood having been deferred upon his alledgeing that severall Debts to a considerable amount were due to him, from able persons of this place, which he would assigne for Discharge of the Debt. M^{r}: Kennedy the only Debtor he hath mentioned, now appearing declares that he hath this day adjusted all acco^{ts}: with him on the balance whereof M^{r}: fleetwood is Debtor to him, and M^{r}: fleetwood being sent for utterly disowns any such acco^{ts}: adjusted. And M^{r}: Kennedy himselfe doeth allso now deny it, and M^{r}: fleetwood doeth insist upon his demands of three or four thousand Dollars due to him from M^{r}: Kennedy.

The Attorney Generall is ordered to take warr^{ts}: out of the Court of Admiralty for attaching the Estate of M^{r}: Fleetwood in the hands of M^{r}: Daniel Chardin, Hugh Kennedy, Laurence Bridger and William Brooks. Allso that he Enter and prosecute an action against M^{r}: Kennedy for y^{e}: Estate of M^{r}: fleetwood in his hands.

M^{r}: Charles Barwell sea Custom^{r}: read his acco^{t}: of sea Customs for y^{e}: month of July last particulars Viz^{t}:

To Custom of goods Import^{d} & Export^{d} y^{e}: month	P.	527: 15: 85.
To Custom on grain	„	24: 35: 85.
To anchorage	„	47: =: =.
To ffreight of ship King W^{m}. to Vizagapatam for rup^{s}: 1400 at $\frac{3}{4}$ per cent	„	3: =: =.
To seizure 4 p^{s}. [℔ cent] 1 p^{a}. each the halfe	„	7: =: =
To salvage 1 anchor sold Mr. Wright p^{z}. 17$^{\theta}$. at 5$\frac{1}{4}$^{pa}. ℔ p$^{\theta}$ p^{a}: 89: 9.		
The Divers $\frac{1}{2}$ of 17$^{\theta}$	„	29: 27.
To Ditto $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 anchor sold to Capt. Cockroft	„	6: 29: 81.
		51: 33: 19.
Cooley	„	=: 27: P^{a}:=37: ‖: 81.
	Pag^{s}.	661: 12: [ ]

Ordered that Pag^{s}: 90: 20 fanams be paid to M^{rs}: Milicent Woolnough being for one Bill drawn by the Governour and Councill of Fort St. David dated the 12th: Instant as advised in the Generall Letter of Ditto date.

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Ordered that Elias Guerin be entertained as a souldier in this Garrison.

Some of the souldiers of the garrison having made a request to receive the gratuity ordered by the Rt : Honble : Company of a Pagoda for each Child born and Baptized here. The Paymaster is ordered to pay Pags : 14 : to the following persons Vizt :

JOHN MARTIN	...	1	JOSEPH SIDWELL	...	1
THO : PAGE	...	1	CHARLES JOHNSON	...	1
THO : CHRISTULO	...	3	SAMUEL PEW	...	3
JACOB GEORGE	...	1	JOHN BURTON	...	1
GEORGE HARRIS	...	1	FLORENCE GERRARD	...	1

and that he observe the said order for ye : future for the Europe souldiers children born here and Baptized in our Church.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA : BARWELL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

Ship Sagunda Wanam, Pattagee Ramunda Master arrived in this road from Tringombar. 18

Ship Sarat Salamatt sailed for Queda. 20

ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 20TH

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHL : HIGGINSON ESQR : LIEUT : GENLL : OF INDIA
MR : JOHN : STYLEMAN MR : WILLIAM FRASER
MR : FRANCIS ELLIS MR : ROGER BRADDYLL
MR : CHARLES BARWELL MR : THOMAS WRIGHT
MR : MATTHEW EMPSON

Serapa &ca : Merchants pay into the Rt. Honble : Comps : Cash Pags : two thousand, for which drew a Bill upon ye : Governour and Councill of Fort St. David payable to Punnapee Chittee, being for the carrying on their Investment in those parts.

Generall Letters to his Excellency the Generall at Bombay, and to the President and Councill at Surat Dated the 18th : Instant, and to the Governour and Councill of fort St. David of this date read and approved.

Mr : Gryffith being lame and not able to come to Councill, It is ordered that a copy of his accot : received from ffort St. David the 17th : Instant be sent him to answer.

Mr : James Bewly who came out a factor upon the Russell frigot, having been for a great part of ye : time since his arriveall a little distemper'd and for severall days past appears to be distracted, and watch'd by two souldiers. It is ordered that the Paymaster and Mr : Addison (whom he hath intrusted as his friend wth : the Mannagement of his business) doe make an exact accot : of all money, goods, necessaries, &ca : belonging to him, and reserving sufficient for his charges and accommodation in the homeward bound voyage, doe sell the rest at Publick outcry and pay the produce into the Companys Cash, which hereafter may be either delivered to Mr : Bewly if he recovers or Bills drawn upon the Rt : Honble : Company for the same payable to his relations, whereof advice to be given.

In reading Letters lately received from the Camp there is notice given that, Wottomchund the Buxee and others declared that, because Narrain was turned out

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from being Dubash, the Nabob had ordered that the New Town (Cattawak) which was given him should be taken away and given to the next farmer of the Pullamullee Countrey and that Timapa hath sent severall Letters to Wottumchund the Buxee and severall others, upon the peruseall whereof Wottumchund made that declaration.

Mr: Fraser upon this occasion expressing his opinion, that upon reading Timapas Petition to the Honble: Lieutenant Generall &ca: Councill received sometime agoe, in which he declares himselfe under much trouble, because of his Honrs: displease: against him, and offers good security for ten thousand Pags: that he shall never act anything in prejudice to the Government of this Place, and therefore believe Timapa might be a good and serviceable instrumt: to the place if he should have rented the Pullamullee countrey, and that it might be a probable meanes to lessen if not take off the present Junckan of five ℔ Cent so pernicious to the inland trade of the Place rather then that it should fall into the hands of any of the avaritious mores that are hungry and gaping for such imployes to rack and grind the face of the poor.

Mr: Fraser allso added that it might be done some time agoe, but now the time is past, he having made a motion formerly when Timapa's Petition was read.

As to the motion formerly made it is remembred, that on a Consultation day after Timapas Petition was read, Mr: Fraser did begin to move something concerning Timapa that he might be serviseable (tho no mention made concerning the renting of the Pullamullee Countrey or Junckan) but Mr: Fraser then saying that he had not thoroughly perused Timapas petition the Secry: was ordered to deliver it to him, which it seem's was omitted for some time, but was afterwards delivered to him, but 'tis not remembred that Mr: Fraser did make this proposeall till now.

The following Questions are putt Vizt:

1. Whether Timapas Petition ought to have been answered.

2. Whether Timapa can be trusted as a good & serviseable instrument under the Security of ten thousand Pags:

3. Whether he could be serviseable in ye: renting of the Pullamullee Countrey.

4. Whether by that or any other meanes the Junckan of five ℔ Cent can be lessened or taken off.

5. What resolution is to be taken to prevent mischiefe from the practises of Narrain and Timapa.

The warehousekeeper acquainting that there is about 15 or 20 bales of dammaged Cloth by the London frigot remaining, It is ordered that they be sold by Publick outcry on Thursday the 27th: Instant and to continue the sale till all the dammaged cloth be sold, and that Mr: Braddyll and Mr: Barwell be present, and allso to make a triall of the dammaged Perpetuanoes and say's.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
M. EMPSON.

20 Dispatched a Generall Letter to fort St: David of ye: date.

Ship Surat Salamat Sailed for Queda.

22 Ship Segunda Pattagee sailed for Tringombar.

Dispatched Generall Letters to the President and Councill of Surat and to the Generall at Bombay both dated the 20th: Instant under Armenian Coverts for more safe conveyance.

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ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 24.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUTEN^{T}: GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON

Upon M^{r}: Griffiths request It is ordered that his Fort S^{t}: David Sea Customers and Paymasters acco^{ts}: and acco^{t}: Currants be remitted hither by the first oppertunity.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright Paymaster read his acco^{ts}: for the month July last particulars Viz^{t}.

Charges Garrison	Pag^{s}:	863 :	23 :
Charges Diett	„	247 :	26 :
Garrison Stores	„	35 :	30 :
Yegmore &c^{a} : New Townes	„		18 :
Charges Generall	„	531 :	26 :
Charges Merchandize	„	21 :	01 :
Charges Cattle	„	46 :	21 :
Vizagapatam Factory	„	2 :	07 :
Fortifications and repairs	„	111 :	...
Mary Buoyer	„	205 :	18 :
Gingerlee Briggantine	„	40 :	18 :
	Pags :	2106 :	8 :

The Merchants having brought from the northward a parcell of Morees and Percullas and dayly expect more from the southward by Boat, the Land Carriage being hazardous. It is ordered that the Sea Customer doe take an acco^{t}: thereof as Landed and permit them to carry them to their own Godowns Entring the acco^{t}: thereof at the latter end of their monthly acco^{t}: of Sea Customs for the accomptants direction in the stateing of the Merchants Custom as directed for cloth brought in by Land.

M^{r}: William Fraser warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: one thousand seven hundred on acco^{t}: rupees and goods sold.

Discoursed upon the queries of last Consultation day, and the severall former Consultations relating to Timapa, and upon the first querie it is unanimously resolved by all the Councill except M^{r}: Fraser that it is not consistent with the credit of the Government to answer Timapa's Petition.

The Governour delivered his acco^{t}: of y^{e}: Custom of Gold & Silver coin'd in y^{e}: Mint by particul^{r}: persons & Silver Ingott coined by the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company from July 1694 to April 1696 w^{ch}: is delivered to y^{e}: accomp^{t}: to examine in order to its being Entred in Books O.O.

NATH: HIGGINSON. R. BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN. CHA: BARWELL.
WILL: FRASER. M. EMPSON.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.

This morning a ship belonging to the Danes past by to the Northward and saluted the Fort. 25

No Consultation the Govern^{r}: being Indisposed.

Received Generall Letter from the Agent & Councill of Bengall dated the 22th: June 1696 wth: an acco^{t}: of goods contracted for, for the year 1696. Allso Generall Letters from the Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam dated the 24th: July & 6th: Instant wth: Copy of their Diary and Consultations from the 25th: June 1696 to the 23^{d}: July ditto &c^{a}: papers as ₱ List. THURSDAY 27. 29

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MONDAY 31.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^LL; HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUT: GEN^L: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN — MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS — MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL — MR:
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON.
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT *Sicke.*

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: Eight Hundred on accot: Sea Customs.

Ordered that Pags: one Hundred be paid to Ragina &ca: washermen for curing the Rt: Honble: Comps: cloth.

Thomas Gullocke Committed Prisoner in ye: Marshalls custody by Judgement of the Court of Admiralty for Debt, makeing his Escape last night, It is resolved that at the request of the concerned, Letters be sent to Pollicat and Tringombar to prevent his Escape, and to the Governour [&] Councill of Malacca for his being seized in case he should come there, which were now drawn and read.

Doctor Brown presenting a Bill amounting to Pags: 19 : 22 : 48 for Drugs bought in the Bazar & for Eight months ending July last. The Paymastr: is ordered to pay the same.

Ordered that Jeronimo Bultel & Nicola Barrel Portuguez be Entertained as Souldiers to serve ye: Rt: Honble: Company for two years in this Garrison or anywhere else.

Generall Letter to the Chiefe and Councill of Anjenga of this date read and approved to be sent by a Par belonging to that Port. It is allso ordered that so many of the workemen ordered by Consultation of the 13th: August last be sent upon her as she can conveniently carry.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
M. EMPSON.

31 Received a Generall Letter from Fort St. David dat: 28th: Instant.

℣ mo. Dispatched Generall Letters to the Governr: & Council of Tringombar and to the chief and Councill of Pollicat wth: which sent a Letter to be forwarded to the Governour and Councill of Malacca, all relating to Mr: Gullocke as ℣ Consultation of yesterdays date.

SEPTEMBER WEDNESDAY 2.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^L: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUT. GEN^L: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN — MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS — MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL — MR:
MR: MATTHEW ELLIS
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT *Sicke.*

Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster continueing sicke, It is ordered that Mr: Edmund Mountague doe officiate in the Paymasters Employment till Mr: Wrights recovery, and that one thousand Pagods: be now Impressed unto him for paying off the Souldiers and Peons &ca: Charges, whereof he is to render an accot: apart.

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M^{r}: Walsh bringing the Governour a Letter w^{ch}: he received last night from Cap^{t}: Gullocke from S^{t}: Thoma. The Councill was Summoned to consider what meanes are proper to gett him from thence, and his letter mentioning a willingnesse to comply wth: his Creditors. M^{r}: Chardin and others concerned were sent for, who thinking it convenient that M^{r}: Walsh doe first goe to Cap^{t}: Gullocke according to the request of his Letter and bring them an account of his proposalls. It is resolved to forbear writeing to S^{t}: Thoma concerning him till his returne.

M^{r}: Daniel Dubois having been suspected to be privy to Cap^{t}: Gullocks escape on acco^{t}: of their late great intimacy, M^{r}: Dubois frequenting the Prison and having been two or three times last weeke at S^{t}: Thoma, upon which being now Examined doeth not give a satisfactory answer and whilest discoursing he tooke occasion to tell M^{r}: Fraser that the order of Court for dismissing him was a piece of the Judges particular malice which he would prove in time, that it was wth: out any cause, that it was done in a hurry and no time allowed him for his defence, which was or to that effect being spoken by him to y^{e}: Judge before the whole Councill was an impudent behaviour which deserves correction. It is ordered that he be committed to a room in the Fort in the custody of the officers of the Guard till twelve a clocke tomorrow, and whereas the Court of Admiralty has allready dismissed him from acting as an Attorney in that Court, It is ordered that he be allso dismissed from being an Attorney in the Mayors Court.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
M. EMPSON.

This morning a Par belonging to Raja Cayum Cullum, Punna Mercawn Noqueda sailed for Rhetorah, by whom sent a generall Letter to the Commodore and Councill at Anjengo dated the 31th: August Incloseing copy of our Generall Letter dated the 21th: May wth: List of workemen who tooke their Passage on said Parr, and acco^{t}: of money Imprest to them. 3

Delivered a Passe to Ketch Dolphin Andrew Holland master bound on a Trading voyage.

Dominga de Coasta &c^{a}: Portugueze returned from the Nabob's Camp, whither they were sent some time since for procuring his Perwanna for ffortifying S^{t}: Thoma, but according to report have obtained no more then liberty to live and trade at St. Thoma according to Salabad. 5

Delivered a Passe to William Morin who went a Passeng^{r}: on Ketch Dolphin. 5

Last night Ketch Dolphin sailed for Pegu and Ship Hossen for Tennasserree. 6

The following order was signed by the Gov^{r}: & Councill. SUNDAY

Ordered that five Mallays Entertained by Consultation dated the 10th: ffebruary 9$\frac{5}{6}$ to serve in the Gun room be discharged, they now desireing it, intending to take their passage for Tennasserree on a ship in the road bound thither and being very Lazy and useless. 6TH

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
MATT: EMPSON.

Sloop Quintus sailed for Tringombar. 7

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TUESDAY 8.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{E}: LIEUT. GEN^{L}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL M^{R}:
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON
M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT *Sicke.*

The Tobacco farmers pay into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company Cash Pag^{s}: 241: 24 fanams on that acco^{t}: for one month Ending the 16th: Instant.

M^{r}: William Fraser Storekeeper read his account of stores for the month of August Last.

The Lieutenant Generall read his acco^{t}: of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash for the month of August last the Balance being Pag^{s}: 46173: 32: 2.

M^{r}: Styleman offering thirty or forty thousand canes belonging to his correspondent to sale at three Pag^{s}: a Hundred, sound merchantable and none under 29 or 30 inches, It is resolved to accept the same, the price being as cheap as can be expected at any time, and the warehousekeeper alledgeing that he is not well skilled in that commodity. It is ordered that he call such persons to his assistance as he thinkes fitt.

The french Padre having hitherto avoided the paying of any Qitt rent for their Garden, and the Rentall Generall now demanding their Quitt Rent and arrears, and in case of non payment threatning to distrain. The french Padre came this morning to the Governour and plainly declared that their order of Capuchins cannot pay any tribute or Quitt Rent for the Garden or for any thing else, that the reason is, because their order doeth strictly and expressly forbid them to possesse anything in property & therefore if the Company will require Quitt Rent for the garden they must quitt it and if the garden had been first offerred under conditions of paying, the Padres then neither could nor would have accepted on it. The Gov^{r}: urgeing that that small matter was laid only as an acknowledgement of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Dominion. He answered that they readily acknowledged y^{e}: Dominion and Property of the Company, and will readily subscribe to such a paper when desired and that they are ready to Quitt the Garden, Church and Place when required so to doe both their Residence and Possessions here depending on the pleasure of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company. It is resolved that the Rentall Generall doe forbear makeing any further demand of Quitt Rent of the Padre and that case be stated to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company in our next Letter and their orders awaited.

The Governour acquaints that in persuance of order of Consultation of the second Instant that M^{r}: Chardin and M^{r}: Alvarez having by a letter written by M^{r}: Walsh to M^{r}: Gullock, made him an offer of accepting the one halfe of his Debt upon Security for its paying in Eighteen months time. The next day M^{r}: Gullocke sent an answer, which containing an unhandsome refuseall and a Declaration in Poetry of his resolution of departing from S^{t}. Thoma. The Govern^{r}: immediately sent to inquire if the Avaldars Chief officer were there but finding he was at Pollicat wrote a letter to him and in the meanetime ordered Ramapa to write a letter to an under officer at S^{t}. Thoma, that such an English man was run away for Debt and ought to be stopped upon which the said officer sent his Peons to deman[d] M^{r}: Gullocke at Padre Sardena's House, but the Padre and M^{r}: Gullocke stood upon their defence with Pistol upon which the officer left some of his Peons wth:out to watch and prevent his escape; upon notice whereof the Governour fearing that Emay Beague a Kings officer, but of no authority there, might as he had frequently done in other cases oppose the Avaldars Officers, wrote to Emay Beague to assist the Duan officers. Upon which Emay Beague sent for

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Mr: Gullocke and Padre Sardena to him, and demanded of him the reason of his coineing away, upon which Mr: Gullocke declared we had dealt unjustly wth: him and that he appealed to him for Justice and Protection. Emay Beague thereupon returned a large answer, wherein he intimates that if one were sent to him he would deliver Mr: Gullocke, but withall desires to understand the state of the case as if he did intend to doe Justice.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
M. EMPSON.

The St. David Yatch John Twiman master arrived from ffort St. David by whom received a Generall Letter dated the 7th: Instant Incloseing Invoice & Bill of Lading for 40 bales and 19 Baggs of Pepper. 9

The following order was signed by the Govr: & Councill. 9

Ordered that forty Bales of Callicoes and nineteen Baggs: of Pepper be unladen from on board the St: David Yatch with all expedition, that she may returne to fetch more, their Generall Letter advising that they have 50 bales more ready.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JOHN: STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
MATT: EMPSON.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 10.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATH: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENL: OF INDIA
MR:. JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR:
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT *Sicke.*

Mr: William Fraser warehousekeeper read his accot: of the warehouse for the month of August and Mr: Matthew Empson Land Customer his accot: of Land Customs for ditto month particulars Vizt:

Choultry Custome	Pags:	343 : 13 : 70
Triblecane Custome	„	— 05 : 40
Rubie Brokers	„	25 : 12 : 4
Cloth Brokers	„	33 : 30 : 38
Fines	„	3 : — : —
	Pag	: 405 : 25 : 72

Ordered that Pags: five hundred be paid to Mr: Edmund Mountague Provl: Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

The Warehousekeeper is ordered to pay the freight of the following received from Fort St. David by the St. David Yatch, Vizt:

Bales 40	Pag	: 30 : —
Pepper, bags 19	„	: 04 : 18
Souldiers 16 wth: their Chests	„	: 12 : —
	Pags:	46 : 18

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Ordered that the following particulars be Laden on yᵉ: St. David Yatch for ffort St. David Vizᵗ:

Wheat if procureable	30 bagˢ.
Match Lock Musketts...	50
Halberts	3
Flints	2000

and that Lieutenant Hugonin and ten Europe Souldiers do proceed on the Yatch for ffort St. David, and that one moneths pay be advanced to them for dischargeing of their Debts, &ᶜᵃ.

Ordered that 3 caske salt Bief and 3 caske of Salt Porke be sent to ffort St. David on the St. David Yatch.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
M. EMPSON.

FRIDAY 11. ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDINARY

Present

THE HONᴮᴸᴱ: NATHᴸ: HIGGINSON ESQᴿ: LIEUT: GENᴸᴸ: OF INDIA
Mᴿ: JOHN STYLEMAN Mᴿ: WILLIAM FRASER
Mᴿ: FRANCIS ELLIS Mᴿ: ROGER BRADDYLL
Mᴿ: CHARLES BARWELL Mᴿ:
Mᴿ: MATTHEW EMPSON
Mᴿ: THOMAS WRIGHT. *Sicke*

Generall Letter to the Governour and Councill of Fort St. David of this date read and approved.

Ordered that Pagˢ: three thousand be paid to Serapa &ᶜᵃ: Merchants in further part of their Contract and they alledgeing that they have immediate occasion to send one thousand Pagˢ: to Worriar Pollam for the provision of Course goods, and the passage by Land from hence being hazardous. It is resolved at their request that a Bill be drawn on Fort St. David for one thousand Pagˢ: payable to Punnapa Chittee or Ramana Chittee for their accounts.

A letter from Mʳ: Gullock from St. Thoma dated yesterday read, wᵗʰ: his Draught of a demanded Pardon, which with the other Letters to the Govʳ: and his Creditors are ordered to be entred in the Coppy Book of Letters received.

Resolved that a Pardon be sent to Mʳ: Gullock according to a draught now read and that Ramapa doe Translate the same into Persian, and carry yᵉ: Translate to Emay Beague for his satisfaction, and be instructed to promise Emay Beague &ᶜᵃ: so much money as Mʳ: Gullocks Creditors shall be willing to disburs't, they having offerred to be at the charge, It being Judged necessary to procure his returne, and that it will be easier done before the matter come to the knowledge of the Nabob.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
M. EMPSON.

12 Dispatched a Generall Letter of Yesterdays date to the Fort St. David, Incloseing Invoice and Bill of Lading for what Laden on board the St. David Yatch for that place &ᶜᵃ: Papers as ℘ List.

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The St. David Yatch John Twyman master sailed for Fort St. David, upon which Lieutenant Hugonin and Ten Souldiers tooke their Passage.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 14.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR:
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON
MR: THOMAS WRIGHT. *Sicke.*

The Lieutenant Generall read his accots: of Gold and silver coined in the mint for the Rt: Honble: Comps: and particular persons for the months of May, June, July and August last.

The Governour propounds to the consideration of the Councill a paper as follows.

The Nabob is disgusted, the only apparent reason whereof is, that wee did not comply wth: his demand of lending him one hundred thousand Pags: when Emaun Cooley came for that purpose in March last, since which he hath been very unkind, whereas before he never denyed, he has since never granted anything asked, and sought all occasions of quarrell, hearkning to every story and encouraging accusers, which not only encreases ye: number of troublesome accusations but emboldens his under Officers to stopp and seiz our goods, exact unusuall customs, and to doe all things that lend to the lessening of the trade and destroying our Priviledges. From this doth proceed the stop putt upon the wrecks at St. Thoma and the detaining of fugitives, two priviledges that are of great consequence and must not be lost.

The Portugueze of St: Thoma have sent Domingo de Coasta to the Nabob to solicit the renting of the adjoining Aldeas, and the confirming of the Kings Phirmaund for enjoying St. Thoma with Priviledges according to Salabad, and liberty of the Nabob to Fortifie. The Nabob has given them a Perwanna in persuance of said Phirmaund, thô he has not granted any thing according to their request.

The Ribar of the King of Siam hath been allso [there]wth: a Present of Ellephants to a considerable amount soliciting the Settlement of a factory at St: Thoma and it is said that he hath succeeded.

By Letters from the Camp and Travailing Peons report it appears, that Timapa has had some Agent at the Camp, and that there has passed severall letters between him and Mahomod Arrief, by whom he formerly obtained the Nabobs Perwanna for trade.

Hodjee Mahomod Allee the Avaldar of St. Thoma and Pollicat hath been wth: the Nabob and is confirmed in that office wth: the addition of the rent of the Pullamullee Countrey and Junckan (thô under the name of another). He was a Merchant and understands and considers trade, and by a moderate Government has endeavoured to promote it at St. Thoma and Pollicat and thô he has hitherto carried it fair to us, we ought to esteem him a dangerous man, who will take all oppertunities to lessen the trade and reputation of this place, in order to which he hath gained so much credit and acquaintance wth: many Merchants, Armenians, Moors and Gentues, and doubtless would draw them if he could to St: Thoma.

Our Spie Braminy at the Camp advises of a french man and three Gentues and Braminies who have been this two months treating wth : the Nabob for a fortification at St: Thoma, but their real designe is not known, nor who the persons are, nor whence they came, they have mannaged their businesse so privately who ever they are the Nabob doeth receive and hear them.

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The troubles at Surat are not ended it appears both by Letters from the Generall and y^e : Presid^t : of Surat, that from April to June they have been in daily hopes of the Kings orders for their releasem^t : and opening of the trade, but is delayed notwithstanding President Annesleys complyance w^th : the terms demanded, and there appears no reason for the delay. It is known that the King did at first give suddaine and Rash orders against Madrasse and they were revoked, but whether the Nabob hath received any since is uncertain, but his carriage to us gives some reasons to suspect that his demand of one Hundred thousand Pag^s : was the first step in order to a quarrell.

Discoursed upon the foregoing particulars, but came to no resolution.

Ordered that Manuel Ferreira a Portuguez be entertained to serve as a souldier in this Garrison or elsewhere.

NATH : HIGGINSON
WILLIAM FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA : BARWELL.
M. EMPSON.

17 Received Generall Letter from the Govern^r : and Councill of Fort S^t : David dated the 14^th : Instant and from the Governour and Councill of Tringombar dated y^e : 8/18.

18 Received Generall Letters from the President & Councill of Surat dated the 27^th : June last adviseing of their releasem^t :.

20 Hetchtester who came out of England an Ensign upon ship Russell frigott Died this morning of a flux.

MONDAY 21.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE : NATH^L : HIGGINSON ESQ^R : LIEUT. GEN^L : OF INDIA
M^R : M^R : WILLIAM FRASER
M^R : FRANCIS ELLIS M^R : ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R : CHARLES BARWELL M^R :
M^R : MATTHEW EMPSON
M^R : STYLEMAN AND WRIGHT *Sicke.*

Ordered that John Viera, Andrew Lear and Pede Martes Portuguez be entertained as souldiers in this Garrison.

M^r : Charles Barwell Sea Customer read his acco^t : of Sea Custom for the month of August last particulars Viz^t :

To Custom of goods Imported & Exported this month	Pag^s	445 :	8 :	75
Ditto on Grain	„	38 :	32 :	40
Anchorage	„	31 :	18 :	0
	Pag^s	515 :	23 :	1

The Governour acquaints that he is informed that there is a Perwanna come from the Nabob ordering the Renter of the Pullamullee Countrey to take Possession of Cattewack.

It is thereupon moved whether it ought to be delivered to Narrian that by the use of his name the Possession may be secured and the income to the Company because the Nabobs Perwanna in June 1695 gave it for the maintenance of the Chinapatam Dubash and Letters lately received from the Spy Braminy at the Camp have advised us that the Town would be taken from us because Narrain was turned out.

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The Governour doth thereupon deliver his opinion.—First that it was impudently done of Narrain in procureing that Perwanna, he having no order for it nor gave any notice of it, and the President that he carried [. . .] intended for another use.

Secondly it is not the interest of the Company to possess Lands at such a distance.

Thirdly the Nabobs Perwanna gave it for the maintenance of the Chinapatam Dubash, but it is convenient that the Chinapatam Dubash should receive his maintenance from the Mogul and it looks as if Narrian had by some extraordinary action obliged the Nabob or his officers, that now upon his being turned out the Nabob takes it away.

Fourthly such Perwannas are revokeable at the Nabobs pleasure, and we cannot contend for the Defence of it, by force; and the endeavouring to keep it will occasion a frequent charge & trouble.

Fifthly that it ought not to be delivered to Narrian because he thinkes him a man unfitt to be trusted in any thing that relates to the Company.

Resolved that when any person brings a Perwanna from the Nabob for takeing possesion of Cattewack, he be permitted to take possession thereof without any resistance, and that no endeavours be used either by delivering it to Narrian or Pischashing to keep it.

M^{r}: Matthew Empson Land Customer pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: cash Pag^{s}: 400 on acco^{t}: Land Customs.

The Letters lately received from the President and Councill of Surat, having been sent under the cover of the Capuchin Padre [*Lacuna in the original*] now at S^{t}: Thoma and recommended to him as is alledged to deliver with his own hand. Padre Miguel doth urge this instance as an argument of the confidence the President of Surat doth place in him, and that the Capuchin officers at Surat have been very assistant to the English in their troubles and severall occasions, which have been acknowledged by the late President Harris & since by President Annesley in Letters to the Govern^{rs}: It is resolved that the said Padre be permitted to come and reside here and officiate in the Portugueze Church, till wee shall receive advice from Surat to the contrary.

M^{r}: Masson having represented by M^{r}: Chardin that he has severall acco^{ts}: depending which cannot be cleared without the use of his books & papers. It is resolved that M^{r}: Wright do deliver the Books and papers of accompts to such person as M^{r} Masson shall name, who will be responsible for y^{e}: produceing thereof when demanded, But that the copy books of Letters be still detained in y^{e}: hands of M^{r}: Wright.

M^{r}: William Fraser warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: one thousand on acco^{t}: goods sold.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCOIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
M. EMPSON.

The Governour received a Letter from Governour Pitt dated the $\frac{12}{22}$ Instant. 22

Hojee Mahomod Allee the Avaldar of St. Thoma in his returne from the 23 Camp sent a Letter adviseing that the Nabob had given him an order for the delivering all the wreck ships, whereupon the Govern^{r}: wrote a Letter to him congratulating his additional hon^{r}: and demanding the delivery of the ships and M^{r}: Gullocke, and another Letter to Emay Beague demanding the delivery of Gullocke according to his promise, both which Ramapa to carry so soon as Hojee Mahomod Allee shall arrive at S^{t}: Thoma.

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Ten people comeing from the Nabob brought his Letters to the Governour, desireing him to give them a conveyance to Bengall whither they went, for the procureing of more Beetle, that they brought last year being sent as a present to the Mogull and accepted. To which a letter was wrote in answer, that the season was past and no ship could goe now, till the month of May or June next, at which time if he thought fitt to send any they should be taken care off.

24 By a Par which departed from Point de Galle the first Instant and arrived here this day, we are advised that Ship America which was dispatched from Bombay for Europe about the 20th June, Sprung a leake and putt into Point de Galle for stopping it, where she had tooke out part of her Cargo and carreen'd and that Commodore Huntum lies there wth: seven Dutch Ships of War ready to proceed according to advices he may receive concerning the ffrench ships, whereof they have yet received no news at Point de Galle.

THURSDAY 24TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT GENLL: OF INDIA

MR:	MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS	MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL	MR:

MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

MR: STYLEMAN AND MR: WRIGHT *Sicke.*

The Warehousekeeper reporting that of the Warriar[pollem] salampores brought in by the merchants, they find in sorting, that some pieces are short in length, but broader then usuall, but that the cloth is good. It is ordered that it be all sorted and Embaled as it come to hand, takeing care that the cloth which differs in Lengths and Breadths be distinguished by suitable marks, that the acco^t: thereof may be thereby afterwards stated wth: the merchants. And because wee have not a sufficient number of Bales to compleat the King Williams Lading, It is therefore ordered yt: the sorters doe take in all the cloth which the merchants shall deliver and they judge proper for the Europe Marketts, thô it be inferiour to the Contract musters, and distinguish the same by different marks, putting a value upon them proportionable to their worsenesse.

A letter received yesterday from Timapa being read, It is resolved by majority that no answer be sent him.

Ordered that thirty or forty Garse of Paddy be bought for a store by Mr: Barwell, he not exceeding twenty six Pags: a Garse, for which occasion It is ordered that money be paid him as he shall demand the same.

Ordered that Nathaniel Barker be Entertained to serve in the Gun Room Crew.

A Petition from Mr: William Cawley was read and ordered to be Entred in the copy Book of Letters wherein it doeth appear that the Court hath proceeded in due method and the case being of a Generall concernment to the trade of the Place. It is referred to the Court to appoint a greater number of Commissioners to examine the case and report their opinions thereof to the Court.

The Mucquaw men having a quarrell wth: their Chief and presenting a Petition that he might be discharged and another placed on his roome. Allso an account of severall sumes which he has cheated them of amounting to Eighty four Pags: It is referred to Mr: Barwell &ca: Justices to examine & report the same.

Pattamars from Surat now arriveing brought us a Generall Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company from the President and Councill of Surat to be sent by the King William. And a Generall Letter from his Excy: &ca: to Fort St. George, dated

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the 10th : July last which was read, and the Consideration of the contents thereof referred to a second reading.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
WILL : FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA : BARWELL.
M. EMPSON.

Ship Greyhound Owen Channell master arrived in the road from Vizagapatam from whence he came the 15th : Inst. 25

The master advises that ship King William designed to sail that night or the next morning.

Ship Anne John Hampton master arrived from Bengall by whome received a Generall Letter from the Agent and Councill dated the 25th : August last, said Letter advises that they had received advices from Mr : Henry Stanley that on the 19th : August arrived at Ballasore an Interloper called the Antelope Capt : Hammon Commander and Mr : Edward Clive Supra Cargo, about 400 Ton. 40 Guns. 112 Men. and that the Russell frigot was dispatch't the 22d : Instant, but the Commandr : refused to proceed till the freshes were abated. 27

Ship King William having lain at anchor in sight two days to the northward came into the road, by whom received a Generall Letter from the Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam dated the 11th : & 14th : Instants, with Invoice and Bill of Lading for 251 bales Laden on board said ship &ca : papers and books according to List. 29

Received Generall Letters from ffort St : David dated ye : 22d : & 26th : Instants incloseing Invoices and Bills of Lading for 43 bales and 164 baggs of Pepper Laden on a Parr, And 61 bales and one chest of Indigo Laden on the St : David Yatch. But their Generall Letter dated the 26th : advices that a little to the north ward of Conimere the St : David Yatch Sprung a Leake wch : forcd them to returne to Fort St : David, where they have unladen all the Bales &ca :

ATT A CONSULTATION WEDNESDAY 30TH.

Present

THE HONBLE NATHL : HIGGINSON ESQR : LIEUT GENLL : OF INDIA
MR : MR : WILLIAM FRASER
MR : FRANCIS ELLIS MR : ROGER BRADDYLL
MR : CHARLES BARWELL MR : THOMAS WRIGHT
MR : MATTHEW EMPSON

Mr : Edmund Mountague Provl : Paymaster read his accot : of charges for the Month of August perticulars Vizt :

Charges Garrison	Pags.	969 :	30¼
Charges Generall	„	534 :	= :¼
Charges Diett	„	276 :	25¾
Garrison Stores	„	=8 :	20¼
Yegmore &ca : Towns	„	= :	18 : =
Charges Cattle	„	58 :	=½
Charges Merchandize	„	2 :	10½
Fort St. David	„	1 :	24 : =
Vizagapatam Factory	„	2 :	7 :
Factors Provisions	„	10 :	= : =
Charges Extraordinary	„	19 :	20 : =
Mary Buoyer	„	18 :	18 : =
Fortifications	„	93 :	5¼
	Pags ...	1995	: — :

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Ordered that Pags: 1300 be paid Mr: Edmunde Mountague to finish the accots: of September charges and that Mr: Thomas Wright being recovered doe proceed in the month of October charges.

Generall Letters from Fort St: David dated the 22d: & 26th: Instants and from Vizagapatam dated the 11th: & 14th: Instants read, allso a Generall Letter to Fort St: David of this date read and approved.

Capt: Thwaites being desired to bring his ship nearer in for the more speedy expediteing of his being Laden answers that she rides now in nine fathom water and cannot be brought nearer in with safety.

For want of takeing due heed to the Rt: Honble: Companys orders in their Generall Letters, which ordered ye: Lading no red wood except necessary, and then no more then Charterparty proportion, there hath been the full Charterparty proportion, laden on board the King William. It being now demanded of the Commandr: after what manner the same is stowed. He acquaints that part there of is stowed away wth: the Vizagapatam Bales and saltpetre and cannot be taken out wth: out unstowing all, but that the greatest part is yet unstowed.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper cause so much of the aforementioned Red wood to be unladen as can be come at without unstowing the Goods allready stowed for Europe.

Ordered that the Paymaster Muster Ship King Williams Company when the whether will best ℘mit.

The Vizagapatam Generall Letter dated the 11th: & 14th: Instant advises that they have taken ashoare from Ship King William 8 Slabs of Lead poiz 10 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb., and the Fort St: David Generall Letter dated the 23rd: June last, advises that Capt: Thwaites delivered 7 slabs of Lead of the number Invoiced to them and there being one slabb short as the warehousekeeper reports of the number said to be sent ashoare here, which makes the accot: right & is noted for the Bookkeepers direction, who is ordered to Debt Vizagapatam factory for said Lead.

The Chiefe &ca: of Vizagapatam having sent Christopher Fenning Rounder on the King William for his health wth: his family and Lewis fferreira a Topaz souldier who is supposed to be the man who shot the Jentue woman.

The Paymaster is ordered to cause the said two souldiers to be brought ashore and Entertained in the service of this Garrison. The Examinations formerly sent relating to said woman, not fixing any accusation sufficient to call his Life in question and therefore not thought convenient that that matter be exposed to further publick notice. The Vizagapatam Diary informing that some of the neighbouring Avaldars had already acquainted the Sier Lascar therewith.

The Chief &ca: of Vizagapatam having sent the Chest unknown, which was at the Sier Lascars request sent by Mr: Sherrer to that factory, being the remains of a ship wrecked on that Coast, the warehousekeeper is ordered to cause the said Chest to be unladed and kept sealed in the Godown till further order.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper doe cause all ye: stores belonging to the Briggantine Gingerlee to be unladen from the King William and kept apart till a convenient oppertunity for their sale by outcry, and that ye: produce be then brought to the credit of said Briggantine as allso 206 Teake planke taken by Mr: Holcombe at prime cost being Pags: [*lacuna in the original*] which Mr: Holcombe is to pay into the Rt: Honble : Companys cash at Vizagapatam and that factory to be Debted for the same.

Mr: Holcombe &ca: adviseing us that Pepper, Sandall, Ellephants Teeth, Ganse and Tinn to the amount of 4 or 5000 Pags: would sell to good profit on their Contract, and propounding the same may be sent, and the time of year being now past that no ship can goe for Vizagapatam till January or february, It is resolved by our next Generall Letter to require their further advice of the prizes there of each sort, and whether it may be adviseable to send these goods in february, and how much of each sort.

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Ordered that the warehousekeeper doe cause the ffreight goods to be unladen from on board the King William and as soon as the ship can take goods in to proceed with all expedition in the Lading of the following goods Viz^{t}: all the Bales of goods received from Vizagapatam and Fort S^{t}: David, and the Madrasse goods as they are Embaled, and any goods that shall hereafter come from Fort S^{t}: David allso Gallingall 302 Baggs sticklacke Eight Chests and two Chests of Indigo.

M^{r}: William Fraser warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash Pag^{s}: one thousand on acco^{t}: goods sold.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

The Mary Buoyer Andrew Goodman Master arrived from Bengall Laden wth: saltpetre &^{ca}: [. . .] by whom received a Generall Letter dated y^{e}: 3^{d}: Instant. 30TH

Dispatched a Generall Letter of this date to Fort S^{t}: David.

List of Persons in the service of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: English East India Company in Fort S^{t}: George &^{ca}: Places on y^{e}: Coast of Choromandel.

		Arrival in India	Pres^{t}: Degree.
1.	Nathaniel Higginson Esq^{r}: Marr^{d}: E.W. ...	Mar. 19 168$\frac{3}{4}$	Lieu^{t}: Genl.
2.	John Styleman Bookkeeper do. E.W. ...		2^{d}: Councill.
3.	William Fraser Judge Advoc^{t}: & Warehousek^{r}:.	May 31 1685	3^{d}: Councill.
4.	Francis Ellis	June 23 1672	4 Do.
5.	Roger Braddyll	April 15 1683	5 Do.
6.	Charles Barwell Sea Customer Marr^{d}: E.W. ...		6 Do.
7.	Thomas Wright Paymaster	June 16 1684	7 Do.
8.	Matthew Empson Land Customer Marr^{d}: Casteez.	July 20 1687	8 Do.
9.	James Sowdon at the Sea Gate	June 3 1677	Sen^{r}: Mercht.
10.	Edmund Mountague		Do.
11.	Edward Tredcroft Search^{r}: at y^{e}: Seagate ...	July 22 1687	Do.
12.	John Meverell receiv^{r}: of y^{e}: sea customs ...	July 22 1687	Do.
13.	John Foquett Rentall Generall	Octob^{r}: 15 1687	Do.
14.	Enoch Walsh Marr^{d}: E.W.	Octob^{r}: 15 1687	Mercht.
15.	Vicessimus Griffith		Ditto.
16.	Stephen Frewan under the Lt. Gen^{ll}:. ...	Feby. 3 169$\frac{3}{4}$	Factor.
17.	Joseph Hiller asst. to y^{e}: Storekeep^{r}: Marr^{d}: E.W.	Nov. 23 1692	Do.
18.	Thomas Wigmore Secretary	Nov. 23 1692	Do.
19.	John Penford assist to y^{e}: Land Customer ...	Nov. 23 1692	Do.
20.	Matth: Mead Attorney Generall & sorter Enter^{d}: here, Married an English woman.	Jan. 1 169$\frac{3}{4}$	Do.
21.	William Morrice under y^{e}: Bookkeeper ...	Feby. 3 169$\frac{3}{4}$	Do.
22.	Thomas Marshall Register	Feby. 3 169$\frac{3}{4}$	Do.
23.	Thomas Lovell assist to y^{e}: Warehousekeep^{r}:.	Feby. 3 169$\frac{3}{4}$	Do.
24.	Gulston Addison at the Seagate	Feby. 3 169$\frac{3}{4}$	Do.
25.	W^{m}: Vanden Anchor under y^{e}: Bookkeeper...	Nov. 5 1689	Do.
26.	James Eustace	Feby. 4 169$\frac{5}{6}$	Do.
27.	James Bewly	Jan^{ry}: 5 169$\frac{5}{6}$	Do.
28.	John Rowland	Feby. 4 169$\frac{5}{6}$	Do.
29.	Charles Bugden under the Secretary	Nov. 23 1692	Writer.
30.	Thomas Harris under the Secretary	Nov. 23 1692	Do.
31.	Batson Pearson at the Seagate	Nov. 23 1692	Do.
32.	John Bulteel under y^{e}: Gov^{r}: in the mint ...	Oct. 1 1692	Do.
33.	William Lloyd under y^{e}: Paymaster	Dec. 15 1694	Do.
34.	John Hutchinson under the Secretary ...	Feby. 4 169$\frac{5}{6}$	Do.
35.	Henry Davenport under the Secretary ...	Feby. 4 169$\frac{5}{6}$	Do.

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36. Richard Elliot } Ministers.
37. George Lewis }
38. Nathaniel Stone Assaymaster.
39. Edward Bulkley } Surgeons.
40. Samuel Brown }

Fort St. David.

	Arrival in India	Pres :Degree.
1. William Hatsell Esq. married E.W.		Govr :
2. John Haynes Bookkeeper Mard : E.W.		2 Councill.
3 Ralph Ingram Warehousekeepr : Mard : E.W. ...		3 Councill.
4. John Butterfield Sea Custr : at Cudalore	16 June 1684	4 Councill.
5. Richard Farmer Paymaster mard : E.W.	20 Sep. 1684	5 Councill
6. Trevor Games Land Custr : Cuddalore md : Casteez.	8 June 1688	6 Councill.
7. Robert Cranwell Land Custr : Tevenapatm : ...	22 July 1687	Senr : Mercht :
8. John Berlue Secretary		Mercht :
9. Edward Bawgus	5 Nov. 1689	Factor.
10. Edmund Bugden	23 Nov. 1692	Writer.
11. Henry Mompesson	3 Feb. 169¾	Do.
12. John Nicholson	1694	Do.
13. Thomas Faucet Surgeon marrd : E.W.		

Vizagapatam.

	Arrival in India	Prest :Degree.
1. Simon Holcombe	31 May 1682	[. . .]
2. Samuel Owen Bookkeeper mard : E.W.	30 July 1682	2 Councill.
3. Thomas Stables Warehousekeeper...		3 Councill.
4. Richard Bridges Storekeepr : mard : E.W. ...	1 Oct. 1692	Factor.
5. Edward Thompson	1 Oct. 1692	Do.
6. Joseph Hinmers	1 Oct. 1692	Writer.
7. Belzaliel Morrice	3 Feb. 169¾	Do.
8. John Cotter Surgeon married E.W.		

List of Freemen Inhabitants.

1. Elihu Yale Esqr : his wife in England.
2. Alvaro da Fonseca Hebrew.
3. John Afflecke married a Casteez.
4. Charles Metcalfe married a Casteez.
5. Hamon Gibbon.
6. John Nicks married an English Woman.
7. William Cawley his wife in England.
8. Daniel Dubois married an English Woman.
9. William Proby married an English Woman.
10. Daniel Chardin married a ffrench Woman.
11. George Herron married a Georgian.
12. John Wessondonck married an E.W.
13 Laurence Bridger.
14. Samuel Glover married an E.W.
15. James Coventry.
16. Richard Lee.
17. George Capell.
18. Christopher Allen.
19. Simon Kilpatrick.
20. John Brown married a Musteez.
21. Charles Tainter his wife in England.
22. James Warback.
23. William Fowle.
24. Edward Dutton.
25. John Robbinson.

List of Sea faring men not [constant] Inhabitants.

1. John Dolben Esqr : his wife in England.
2. Richard Trenchfield married a Casteez.
3. Armiger Gostlin married an English Woman.

4. Robert Masfen married an English Woman.
5. Anthony Pennistone married an English Woman.
6. Edward Fleetwood married an English Woman.
7. Thomas Bowyear.
8. James Howell.
9. Henry Laurence.
10. William Brooke married E. W.
11. William How do.
12. William Harrison his wife in England.
13. Samuel Hart married a Casteez.
14. Richard Phrip married an E. W.
15. Augustin Hart Dutchman.
16. John Cockroft married a Musteez.
17. William Stocke marrd: E. W.
18. John Wheeler.
19. John Mabb.
20. John Wallis.
21. William Legatt married a Casteez.
22. William Ryder do. E. W.
23. William Griffin.
24. Thomas Child.
25. John Smith.
26. Zachariah Stilgo.
27. Henry Harnett.
28. Charles Sherrer married an English Woman.
29. John Tyler.
30. Thomas Lane married a Casteez.
31. Samuel Dixon.
32. Thomas Plumbe.
33. James Harris.
34. John Bell.
35. Richard Williams.
36. William Ladd.
37. Joseph Lister.
38. John Parham.
39. Francis Holt.
40. Richard Lett.

Widdows.

1. Lady Goldsborough.
2. Winnefred Bridger.
3. Eliz: Carrell.
4. Sarah How.
5. Ursula Oneal.
6. Mary Ivory.
7. Susanna Harbin.
8. Mary Harry.
9. Elizabeth Cattillon.
10. Mary Large.
11. Mary Lacy.
12. Johana Martin.
13. Milicent Woolnough.
14. Mary Pittman.
15. Mary Burton Williams.

Maidens.

1. Ann Latchward.
2. Francis Christmass.
3. Francis Lightfoot.
4. Mary Weedon.
5. Ann Stone.
6. Haña Harry.

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THURSDAY 1ST

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL. OF INDIA

MR: | MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS | MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL | MR: THOMAS WRIGHT

MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN *indisposed.*

The Governour acquaints that H [. . .] Allee comeing to Town this day de[mands] rent money for one year due [. . .] last according to the Nabobs Pe[rwanna] sent him twelve hundred and

(four lines torn and illegible)

The Lieutent: Generall read his Acot: of the Rt: H. Comps: Cash for the month of September, the balance being Pags: 43915.20.2.

[Generall Letter from Bengall dated 3] last by the M[ary] Buoy[er]read.

[8TH] Ordered that the Consultations and Books of Letters received and sent do [end] the ultimo Septr: and that Coppies thereof be sent home by the King William to the Rt: Honble: Company.

[NATH: HIGGINSON].
[WM: FRASER].
[FRANCIS ELLIS.]
[ROGER BRADDYLL].
[CHARLES BARWELL].
[THOMAS WRIGHT].
[MATTHEW EMPSON].

[. . .] farmers Pags: 241: 2: fanams on that accot: for one [month Ending the 16th: Instant.

Ordered that Antony Verfume and Bastriem [Ostris] Portuguez be Entertained as Souldiers to serve the Rt: [Honble] Company as souldiers in this garrison or anywhere else. Generall Letter to the Agent and Councill of Bengall of this date read and approved.

The last letters from Fort St: David adviseing [of] above one hundred Bales sent from thence by the St: David Yatch and Countrey Parr, but both [put] back by contrary winds, so that we doubt we [shall] not receive these bales, nor any more cloth of our Merchants, whereof they advise to have as much as would make sixty or seventy bales arrived [by] this time at Fort St: David, and consid[ering the] uncertainty of the weather may not pe[rmit] the King William to call at ffort St: David [and take in] those bales for which reason [we ought to provide] for her full Tonnage here in the [best way we] can, and there appearing [. . .] that we shall not have [bales] unlesse we could receive those. It is resolved necessary [in order to securing the] ships full Tonnage [that the whole quantity of] Redwood (being [no more than charterparty proportion)] be conti-[nued], and that 375 bags of saltpeter be laden forthwith, [and] there being about 263 Candy of [Pepper] allready on board, It is ordered that when the Bales and other goods are all laden, that there be soe [much] more Pepper laden as shall be necessary to fill the Shipp.

Upon peruseall of the Anjengo Generall Letter dated the 24th: August last, and now received. It is ordered that the following particulars be provided and kept ready to be sent by the first conveyance Vizt:

Topaz Souldiers 20.
Ginn 1.
Mortar pieces for hand grands: 2.
Bandeliers Collars 50.
Halfe Pikes 10.
Countrey Gun powder Candy 2.

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Treasure Pags: 6000: in the following [specie] Acheen gold. Dollars, Chequeens [Venetians] and Surat Rupees. which Mr. [Stone is ordered] to buy, and that the same be paid for out of cash as they shall be bought.

Ordered that Pags: 211: 18: fanams be paid to Mr: William Morrice being for one Bill [of Exchange] dated the 24th: of August last drawn by [the Comodore] and Councill of Anjengo payable at ten days sight [being] for the value paid into the Rt: Honble: [Comps: cash] there.

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer pays [into the Rt: Honble:] Companys Cash Pags: one [thousand on account of] Sea Custome.

Ordered that Pags: five hundred be paid to Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying Charges Garrison.

Generall Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company dated the 30th: September to Paragraph 33 was read and approved.

Ordered that Pags: three thousand be paid to Serapa &ca: Merchants in further part of their Contract dated the 21st May 96 for Pags: 20000 and Pags: 120 to Raggina &ca: washers for cureing the Rt: Honble: Company's cloth.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
[ROGER BRADYLL].
CHARLES BARWELL.
[THOMAS WRIGHT].
MATHEW EMPSON.

6. Ship Anne John Hamp[ton Master sailed for] Bengall, by whom sent [a Genll: Letter to the] Agent and Councill [of Bengall dated the 2d: instant].

8. No Consultation. THURSDAY 8TH.

Dispatched a [Genll: Letter to the Chief & Councill of] Vizagapatam Dated the 6th: Instant wth: Duplicate of our Generall Letter to the Agent and Councill of Bengall dated the second Instant.

11. Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 8th: Instant, wth: their Pacquet to the Rt: Honble: Compas: Ledger letter E and Journal letter F.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 12TH

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Capt: William Brooks produceing an Order of the Court of Admiralty dated the 7th: Instant for Pagods: two hundred fifty one and six fanams to be paid him out of the Estate of John Kiddell in the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash, It is ordered that the same be paid.

[The] further part of the Generall Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company dated this day read from Paragraph thirty third to the fiftieth.

Ordered that Casmeer de Guier be Entertained to serve as a souldier in this Garrison. And that David Beveridge, Richard Braker, & Christopher [Fenn] be discharged from the service of ye: Gun-room [to serve] the Rt: Honble: Company on board the Mary [Buoyer] to Bombay.

At the request of the relations of Mr: Richard [Brown deceased] by their Attorney Mr: Thomas Wright to have an accot: of the salary due in England. The [Accomptant] is ordered to draw the same out.

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Ordered that Mr: Stephen Baker be master of the Mary Buoyer and that the Paymaster doe go off and give him Possession tomorrow morning if ye: weather permits, ordering Baker and Goodman to adjust the List of her stores and to observe how much more saltpetre may be Laden, there being now but five hundred Baggs, and tis supposed she can carry two hundred more, and that the Master had filled her up in Bengall wth: his own Goods. Mr: Addison is therefore ordered to go off and secure what goods he shall find of his.

Ordered that the Paymaster doe immediately supply the Mary Buoyer wth: what she [wants, so] [that she may be forthwith Dispatch'd, [it not] being thought convenient to wait [longer for] the comeing of the Josia Ketch.

Nella Cunte having on Friday last brought the Nabobs Perwanna for the [farming] of the Beetle Leaves of the Pullamulle country by virtue whereof he seizes [upon all Beetle Leaves] in the way comeing to Mad[rass, which are not] bought of himself, [It is ordered that liberty] be given till further [order to all persons to] bring in beetle Leaves by sea by land free of Custome, which are not bought [Nella Cunte.] That the Choultrey Officers take special care to prevent our being imposed upon.

Ordered that the Chest of silver wrought Plate received by ship King William be delivered the Mint Master to be coined into Rupees.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FRANCIS: ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

13TH This morning James Bewly Factor who came out [upon ship] Russell frigot dyed & was buried this Evening.

[14TH] Thwaites. The Governour sent the following papr: to Capt: Thwaites.

I perceive the warehousekeeper sends off goods as you call for them, and [. . .] that you doe not make that Dispatch which ought to be done at this season of the year. It is now fair weather, and if it lasts onely three days, wee shall send aboard your ship as much Pepper and other goods as will fill her up; If you refuse to weigh off goods when offered [or to take] them in and returne them. I hereby [declare to you plainly] that I must deliver you a Protest. By the help of God I hope to deliver you your Dispatch on Monday or Tuesday at farthest and I give you this timely notice that you may prepare your business accordingly Dated in Fort St: George this 14th: October 1696.

NATHL: HIGGINSON.

14TH Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated: the 12th: Instant.

THURSDAY: 15TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENERAL OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster, reports the muster of ship King Williams Company to be but 128 men and boys.

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Ordered that [ ] two Dutchmen and [ ] frenchman [that] came from Vizagapatam be permitted [to serve aboard] the King William provided the Command^{r} :] reimburses what has been expended upon them [by the Paymaster].

M^{r} : Enoch Walsh requesting by his Petition Entred after [this Consultation] for goeing to Bombay upon [the Mary Buoyer for y^{e} :] occasion therein mentioned, It is unanimously resolved that he proceeds [upon the Mary Buoyer to] Bombay, and that he [gives the Gen^{ll}. an Acco^{t}.] of their proceedings [in Acheen relating to the Elizabeth] and M^{r} : Delton.

The Merchants having acquainted that they have neckcloths enough to make up Ten Bales, which they offer at 50 Neckcloths for a Pagoda, and the sorters being inquired of whether they were fitt for the Europe Markett, they affirme them to be y^{e} : same which were brought in by the Merchants the last year, and rejected by the sorters as unfitt for the Markett of Europe, as by a writeing produced dat : the 17th : December 1695 signed by them & M^{r} : Hatsell who was then here.

A proposeall being made concerning Captaine Thwaites, his carrying them on such terms, that the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Company may receive or reject them, It is ordered that M^{r} : Fraser doth discourse him concerning the term's and report the same.

M^{r} : Stone reporting that of the severall sorts he was ordered to buy for Anjenga, he can procure but two thousand Pag^{s} : of Surat Rupees and one Hundred and twenty Pag^{s} : of Dollars, and that there is no Chequeens nor Acheen Gold procureable. Hee is ordered to buy Rupees of Oramzeeb Stamp weighty sic to the amount of three thousand Pagod^{s} : [more,] and Madrassee Rupees to the amount of one thousand Pag^{s} : all which are ordered to be Laden upon the Mary Buoyer.

[There being] a Countrey Ship the Greyhound bound for Persia, the Owners consenting that shee shall call at Anjengo to deliver anything there shall be occassion to send for the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Company's service. It is ordered that there be sent on her Ten Topaz souldiers or so many more as the Master can wth : conveniency carry not exceeding Twenty, and all the rest of the stores ordered for Anjengo, not allready Laden on the Mary Buoyer. The freight whereof and the Passage of the Souldiers is left to M^{r} : Barwell and M^{r} : Wright to concert wth : the Owners.

Generall Letter to his Excellency &c^{a} : Dated the 14th : Instant read. M^{r} : Fraser objecting against the Paragraph which relates to M^{r} : Braddyll, humbly moves how wee shall reconcile his Ex^{y} : order [with] the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Companys Commission, and their Gen^{ll} : Letter both received by the King William, rela[ting] to the establishment of the Councill of [Fort S^{t} :] George, the rather because there is noe [proofe against] M^{r} : Braddyll, nor any wayes [convicted of the fact] that we may conforme ourselves [accordingly And] further M^{r} : Fraser moves that [a reason may be] given to the Generall why [this business of M^{r} :] Braddylls has not been [determined before now] that an account thereof [might be remitted to the] R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Company by [this ship,] there having been severall letters sent [to Bengall and no notice taken] thereof.

As to the first motion M^{r} : Fraser is desired to explain wherein the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Companys Letter and Commission differ from the Generall Orders relateing to M^{r} : Braddyll.

M^{r} : Fraser refers to the 20th : Paragraph (now read) of the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Comp^{s} : Letter dated the 6th : March 1694, wherein their Order is absolute for establishing the Councill of Fort S^{t} : George notwithstanding any Order of the Generalls.

And M^{r} : Fraser not seeing cause to explain further wherein the Generalls orders differs from those of the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Companys Letter, His meaning must be gathered from what he hath now declared in debateing upon this subject in these words Viz^{t} :

The Companys Orders are absolute, and if it be in the power of the Generall to turne out any of the Councill, no man is safe in his integrity.

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And by the words spoken by Mr: Braddyll upon the same Debate Vizt:

This concernes all the Councills of India. If the Generall can order my suspension upon information and without conviction, he may as well turne out you and you (pointing to the Councill) or any other.

But if the Generall shall order my suspension after he has received the Companys orders, there is none can call him to an accot: in India and I will submitt to what he orders.

By all which their meaning is understood to be that the Generall (i.e. no power in India) can turne out or suspend one of the Councill of Fort St: George.

Resolved that it be referred to his Excellency the Generall to give an answer to the said first motion. As to the second motion of Mr: Frasers the Governr: doth answer, that one main reason why the matter of Mr: Braddyll hath not been brought to a result before now, doth appear in the words used by Mr: Fraser in the first motion, Vizt: There is no Proofe against Mr: Braddyll, nor any wayes convicted of the fact, and thus hath Mr: Fraser upon all occasions, in and out of Consultations, vindicated and pleaded for and asserted Mr: Braddylls innocence from the begining in such manner that there is no bringing the Examination to a conclus[ion] under much longer time then could be spared for it, we follow Mr: Fraser in all his arguments & pleadings and if wee don't he then demands liberty of speech as one of the Councill who ought to be heard [in the Compas:] affairs, and the rest of the Councill doe [agree wth: the] Governours opinion concerning [Mr: Frasers unreasonable] espouseing Mr: Braddylls cause.

I aprehend ye: Generall has power in many cases to suspend any of their Councill but humbly conceive Mr: Fraser has urged nothing unreasonable concerning mee, nor can his inclination bee known untill ye: thing be put to ye: vote.

R.B.

NATHL: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHA: BAR[WELL].
THO: WR[IGHT].
M. EM[PSON].

TO THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR:
LIEUTENANT-GENERALL OF INDIA & GOVR:
OF FORT ST: GEORGE &CA: COUNCILL.

May it please your Honr: &ca:

I have been imployed by the Rt. Honble: East India Compa: this 12 years, and have served them to the utmost of my power, perticularly in my last voyage to Acheen. I there bought a Briggantine called the Chuncoon burthen between two & three hundred Tons, and designed her for this Place, but the Moor Merchants who freighted Shipp Elizabeth to Acheen made great complaints to ye: Governour and me for want of a conveyance for their goods wch: they had provided for Surat, and daily importuned me to let them have said vessell to carry their goods on freight, else declared they should be great sufferers by their goods lyeing a whole year in Acheen; and alledged the danger of fire and thieves. All which I tooke into consideration and to prevent future clamours at Surat (more then sinister ends) I lett them have said Briggantine to carry their goods thither, and disposed of part of her to Lucas de Surcaun & John d' Gregorie (Armenians) traders to & from this Place. The latter went on her to receive what due for freight, the latenesse of ye: season and troubles at Surat hindered her proceeding any [where else then] Bombay, and as yet I have received no accot: [from said] John d' Gregorie of freight disbursemts: &ca: [relating to] said Briggantine, but from others [am advised he do's not act] fairly. Therefore humbly entreat your Honr: &ca: will permitt to goe on the Mary Buoyer for Bombay, by wch: means I may prevent said John d' Gregorie's irregular proceedings; else I must unavoidably suffer greatly wth: submission to your Honrs: &ca: pleasure I rest.

Fort St: George,
8th: October 1696.

Yor: Honr: &cas: Obedient and very
humble Servant,
ENOCH WALSH.

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FORT ST: GEORGE 14TH: OCTOBER 1696.

Captain Thwaites having been this day aboard Shipp Mary Buoyer wth: Capt: Baker and they both being of opinion that she will carry about one Hundred and fifty or two hundred baggs more of Saltpetre. It's ordered that the warehouse-keeper doe lade one Hundred and fifty Baggs tomorrow, or so [much] as Capt: Baker shall find may be conveniently [Laden].

[. . .] order was by mistake omitted.
[. . .] entred in its due place.

NATH HIG[GINSON].
JOHN S[TYLEMAN].
WILLI[AM FRASER].
FRA[NCIS ELLIS].
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MR: EMPSON.

Received a Generall Lett[er from the Govr] and Council of Fort St: David [dated the 14th :] Instant. 16

ATT A CONSULTATION

SATURDAY 17TH.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN — MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS — MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL — MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

The Consultation of the 15th: being now produced to be signed, and Mr: Fraser refuseing to signe ye: same. It was declared to him that every one of Councill ought to signe the Consultations, and that if he had any objection thereunto he might make ye: same in writeing.

The Rt: Honble: Companys Commission dated the 28th: ffebruary 1694–5, for appointing a succession of the Judges in the Court of Admiralty, wherein John Styleman Esqr: is first nominated and the [rest of] the Councill successively being read. It is [resolved] unanimously that the said Commission be put in fforce, and produced and read in the Court on the second Court Day after Ship King William shall be Dispatched for England, and delivered to Mr: Styleman and that from that time the Judge of the Court of Admiralty doe act by the said Commission and the present Judge doth declare [his readiness] to resigne according to the Tenor of [said Commi]ssion.

The Nabob being within four Leagues of the Place with his Army to the Northward, & there being severall reports which makes it credible that in his returne to Arcott, he will vissit the sea Coast. It is resolved that a Present be sent him and Wottom Chund to the amount of about three hundred Pags: in such things as can be procured and most acceptable to them, a Letter to the Nabob and Wottom Chund read.

Duplicate of the Generall Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company dated the 30th September signed to be sent to the Generall by the Mary Buoyer to Paragraph the 50th:

NAT: HIGGINSON
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATHEW EMPSON.

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17 Delivered Stephen Baker master of the Mary Buoyer his Dispatch for Bombay and the Pacquet to your Generall and Councill, containing our Generall Letter dated the 14 instant w[th] : severall other papers as ℘ list from N° : 1 to 79.

18 This morning the Mary Buoyer sailed for Bombay.

Tuesday 20th.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON[BLE] : NATH[LL] : HIGGINSON ESQ[R] : LIEUT : GENERALL OF INDIA

M[R] : JOHN STYLEMAN	M[R] : WILLIAM FRASER
M[R] :	M[R] : ROGER BRADDYLL
M[R] : CHARLES BARWELL	M[R] : THOMAS WRIGHT

M[R] : MATTHEW EMPSON

At one a clocke the King William fired a gun to give notice that she was full.

M[r] : Thomas Wright and Gulston Addison paid into the R[t] : Hon[ble] : Companys Cash Pag[s] : five hundred being part of the Estate of James Bewley [deceased] in persuance of an order of Consultation dated the 20[th] : August last.

Ordered that Tome Vigera be Entertained to serve in this Garrison as a souldier, or wher[e else] the Company shall have occasion.

Ordered that Pag[s] : five hundred be paid to M[r] : Thomas Wright Paymast[r] : for defraying charges Garrison.

Captain Thwaites appearing on the 17[th] : Instant declared he had no term's to offer concerning the carrying home the neckcloths proposed to him by order of the Consultation the 15[th] : Instant.

Whereas it has been formerly intended to [dispatch] M[r] : Claudius Masson home upon shipp King William, upon further consideration it is resolved that he be brought to a triall here as the most proper means to deter others from holding the like unlawfull correspondencies.

Further part of the Generall Letter to the [R[t] :] Hon[ble] : Company from the 51 to the 67 Paragraph read and approved of.

NAT : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

22nd. Delivered Captain Th[waites his Dispatch for England] w[th] : the Books and Papers [and Pacquet for the R[t] : Hon[ble] : Company.]

23 Received a Generall Letter [from Fort S[t] : David, d. 20[th] : inst.]

24 Last night ship King William sailed for England. Received a Generall Letter from Fort S[t] : David dated 22[d] : Instant.

26 Last night the wind blew very hard at North East with rain, the sea came up to the Fort walls wash'd away part of the sea gate Plàtforme and the greatest part of the Banck raised before York Point. There was one ship in the road the Greyhound allmost Laden for Persia, believed to be forc't from her Anchor[s and] putt to sea.

About noon the wind shifted to the south of the East and abated.

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ATT A CONSULTATION — WEDNESDAY 28TH.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT-GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

In order to a resolution concerning contracts made here and at Fort St: David. It is considered 1st: That the Rt: Honble: Company have by their orders required us to keep as near as we can to the List, but the condition of the Countrey is such that we thinke it impossible to provide any considerable quantity of goods in the exact proportion of their list, nor equal to their musters, especially the course cloth.

2dly: The main end of their sending the list [and Stock to provide a Lading for their ships, and ye: sooner] they can be laden and dispatchd: the better to save Demorage, which in a ship lading of Coast goods amounts to two or three ℔ Cent monthly upon the prime cost of all her Callico Lading, and to prevent dead freight, every Ton amounting to one or two ℔ Cent (according to the bignesse of the ship) upon the Callico Lading.

3ly: Wee have therefore determined to make provision for one ship of four or five hundred tons against February next, before which time wee may rationally expect the arriveall of two or three for the Coast and Bay. Towards which we have now about three hundred bales (Embaled & ready for Embaleing) at Fort St: David and this place. Vizagapatam is goeing on wth: an Investment [of 20,000] Pags: from whence we cannot expect more then three hundred bales by January. It remains therefore that we take care to provide at least five or six hundred bales more, here and at Fort St: David, and the time being short, we must as soon as possible resolve upon the method. 4ly: which must be either by usuall [Contract or] otherwise. It's doubtlesse best to [make contracts] both at Fort St: David and [here if the Merchants] will undertake upon [reasonable terms and we] can find men fitt to be [entrusted.] At Fort St: David upon our Letter the 30th: September, those Merchants have offered to contract for twenty thousand Pags: as advised in their letter of the 22nd: Instant, upon ye: same prizes for Long Cloth, Salampores Bettellas and Europe goods as the Fort St: George last contract wherein is to be noted a difference between the prizes of this and their last Contract Eight ℔ Cent upon 6000 Pags: in Bettellas & Neckcloths. A difference in the proportion of fine & course goods. Their last contract was ⅔ course ⅓ fine. this proposall is for 11/20 Course and 9/20 fine and among the fine goods they offer to provide 3000 Pags: succatums at sixty Pags: ℔ Corge, which is a dear Cloth, and yt: halfe of that would be better laid out in neck cloths ordinary, rather then Bettallas as offered, because our Merchants here can provide Betelas but will provide no Neckcloths. Their Merchants demand ten ℔ Cent advance on the amount of the contract, because twelve ℔ Cent was allowed to the ffort St: George Merchants to induce them to bring in the more for the ship King William, but they propound to deliver their cloth in six months from the date of the contract, which will fall in the month May and will not serve the end.

They object against our Merchants provideing any goods within the bounds of Fort St: David or at Worriar Pollam, because two buyers will advance the price. As to the Fort St: David bounds, it [is] reasonable that our Merchants should not buy there, and they bought before only because the Fort St: David Merchants did not buy. But their buying at Worriar pollam is to be further considered, because the ffort St: George Merchants have first bro[ken] the way in buying that sort of Long Cloth & Salampores there, and have now a certain

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number of weavours in their employ, and whereas Serapa has since June last provided about 151 Corge Long Cloth, 263 Corge Salampores besides 84 Corge salampores in the bounds of Fort St: David, the rest of the Fort St: George Merchants who undertooke to provide in these parts, have not brought in above 2½ Corge Long Cloth us'd only for wrappers and 28 Corge salampores, and that generally very badd and much of it rejected by the Sorters, and they affirm that they cannot undertake to provide any quantity of either sort in [three] months, so that if we make any further contract wth: the ffort St: George merchants for February, [we] must either allow them to provide their course goods at Worriar pollam or contract wth: them [only for fine] goods, which will goe but a little [way in the Tonnage] of a ship, and upon both Contracts [here and at] Fort St: David we must [expect but 11,000 Pags: in] course goods. Besides the [Long Cloth and Salampores] brought from Worriar[pollam proves a better sort] then we have usually received either here or there for many years, and the ffort St: David Merchants doe not oblige themselves to provide those sorts, nor is there any reason to expect they will if they can gett any other sorts cheaper. By which [means] the footing which our Merchants have already gott at that place will be lost, and it may be allso further considered whether the Fort St: David or Fort St: George Merchants or ye: fittest persons for the carrying on an Investment there.

Serapa &ca: Merchants being ordered to consider of proposalls for a contract here, and to give their answer tomorrow in Councill the further consideration thereof is referred till then, and as to the ffort St: David contract agreed to answer by our Generall letter of this date now read & approved.

The Lieutenant Generall reports the weight of the wrought Chest of plate No. 170 pz: by Invoice 267lb: 6 oz: 10 dwt: but in the mint weighed but 267lb: 6oz: as weighed by Mr: Meverell, Mr: Stone and Mr: B[ulteel].

That before melting the minters beat 7 oz. 4 dwt: Dirt and alledge there is above one ℔ Cent lost in the weight by melting. That the Assaymaster reports the assay thereof to be 2d wtt: worse then standard, and the minters ¾ ℔ Cent worse then Dollars, which [agrees] very near. That for the coinage thereof [into] Rupees, he hath agreed thus with the Minters.

		lb. oz.
The first mint weight of the chest		267; 6 — dwt
Lost by dirt beat out by Hamrs:	7 oz 4 dwt	
Allowing for melting into Ingott halfe ℔ Cent being dirty	1: 4.	
		1: 11: 4
		265: 6: 16.

	lb. oz. dwt	
The usuall allowance for the difference of the rupee matt & standard is 7 ℔ Cent.		
Adde 3 ℔ cent is	20; 6; 15.	
Charges refining 1/16	1; 9 15.	
		022-4-10.
Remains Rupee matt to be dd by ye: minters ...		243-2-6.

The ffort St: David Generall letter dated the 12th: Instant adviseing that they have paid Punnapa Pags: one thousand an accot: Serapa &ca: Merchants more then we have drawn bills. It is ordered that the accomptant Creditt Fort St: David and Debt Serapa &ca: Merchants for the same.

The Governour pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: twenty six received of Mr: Charles [Allen] for permission of Passage on ship King William for England, and Mr: Matt: Empson Land Customer Pags: 307 on accot: Land Customs and the Tobacco Farmers Pags: 241: 24 fanams on that accot: for one month end[ing] the 16th: Novr:.

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The accompt: produceing the [accot: Salary due] to the Rt: H. Comps: servants for halfe a year ending 29th: Septr: '96 amounting to Pags: 1199: 16: 2 payable in India; the same is ordered to be paid.

NATH: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WM: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

ATT A CONSULTATION — THURSDAY 29TH

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR.: LIEUT: GENERALL OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN — MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS — MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL — MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Mr: William Fraser warehousekeeper read his warehouse Accot: for the month of September last pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: one thousand on that accot.

Mr: Charles Barwell pays into the Rt: Honble : Compa: Cash Pags: one thousand on accot: Sea Customs and read his accot: for the month September last perticulars Vizt:

To Custom on goods Imported & Exported this month ...	Pags:	909:	15:	7
To Ditto on Grain ...	„	437:	[4]:	10
To Anchorage ...	„	47:	18:	
To Tonnage ...	„	13:	32:	

To Salvage vizt:		cwt.	qr.	lb.
1 Anchor sold the Govr:	pz:	3:	3:	21
1 ditto sold Raybury	„	4:	:	
1 ditto sold the Govr:	„	5:	2:	
1 ditto sold the Compa:	„	3:	1:	6
		16:	2:	27

16: 2: 27 Pa: 6 ℘ cwt.: 100: 16

paid the Divers their halfe 4 anchrs: sold and 4 that remains unsold as ℘ accot: perticulars. } P: 98: 8 — P: 2 · 8

Pags: 1410: 5: 17

Orderd that Pags: 203: 2: fanams be paid to Dr: Hart for four Brass Gunns bought of him weighing 73 lb. at ten fanams ℘ pound wth: carriages for [Presents] Mr: Matthew Empson Land Customer read his accot: Land Customs for the month September last perticulars Vizt:

Choultrey Custom ...	Pags:	261:	32:	35
Triblecane custom ...	„	:	5:	5
Rubie Brokers ...	„	16:	32:	
Cloth Brokers ...	„	11:	11:	25
Confiscations ...	„	2:	2:	
Registring slaves ...	„	14:	24:	
	Pags:	306:	34:	65

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Mr: Edmund Mountague late Provl: Paymaster read his accot: Disbursements for the month September last perticulars Vizt:

Charges Garrison	Pa:	915:	6⅛:
Charges Generall	„	473:	27¼:
Charges Diett	„	228:	3⅞:
Charges Cattle	„	46:	17½:
Charges Merchandize	„	11:	1⅝:
Vizagapatam Factory	„	2:	7:
Egmore &ca: Towns	„	—:	18:
Charges Extraordinary	„	2:	28:—
Fortifications and repairs	„	128:	33 3/16:
	Pags:	1808:	34: 9/16

Ordered that Pags: 1003: 34 9/16: being the balance [due to Mr:] Edmund Mountague on [accot: Disbursements for the] month September be paid him.

Thomas Wigmore [Secretary] read his [accot: Passes] for the month September and pays into [the Rt: Honble:] Companys Cash Pags: three [& 12 fas: on] that accot: and Mr: John [Foquett Rentall Genll:] Pags: two hundred on [accot: quit Rents] for 1695. Ending September [last.] The Arrac farmers pay [into the Rt: Honble:] Comps Cash Pags: 166: 24: fanams on that accot: and Wootta [Linga] Pags: 526: 22½: on accot: Rice sold in the months of August and September last Vizt:

	Gar. mer.		
August 5:	258: at 8 Mercall ℔ p is	Pa: 282:	9:
Septembr: 4:	355: at 8 do.	„ 244:	13½:
		Pags: 526:	22½:

Orderd that Joseph Rodriguez an Europe Por[tuguez] be Entertained to serve the Rt: Honble: Company for two years at Europe souldiers pay.

Ordered that John Attkinson son of Robert Attkinson Chief Gunner doe receive the allowance as accustomary.

Serapa &ca merchants were discoursed concerning a Contract and ordered to bring their answer tomorrow.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

29. Four Lascars belonging to ship Greyhound who came to town this day inform that they were forced to run said ship ashore to the Southward of Sadrasspatam wanting Anchors and cables.

Dispatched a Generall Letter to ffort St. David of yesterdays date.

FRIDAY 30.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENANT GENERALL OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMS: WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

The List of severall things bought for Presents in persuance of the order of Consultation of ye: 17th: Instant being now produced amounting to Pags:

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333 : 26 : 3 is approved, whereof Pag^s : 232 : 23 : 40 is issued out by the warehousekeeper and storekeeper, and Pag^s : 101 : 3 [paid] by the Paymaster.

M^r : Joseph Hiller appearing yesterday in Councill and claiming Precedency before M^r : Mead, upon [peruseall] of an order of Consultation made by the late [Comissary] Generall &c^a : Councill 25^th : January 169⅔ and [of the] Fort S^t : George Letter to the R^t : Hon^ble : Company [by the] Berkley Castle dated the 12^th : June 1693. It is [upon the] question resolved by majority that [M^r : Hiller and] consequently the rest of the factors [who came out] by the Berkley Castle, Charles the [Second & Sampson] doe take place of M^r : Mead, till [the R^t : Hon^ble : Company] shall please to give an answer to what wrote them by the Berkley Castle, wherein M^r : Meads request of Precedency is recommended to their consideration, but no answer yet received, thô the said Letter was received and answered.

The Arrac farme for the year 1693 was lett for Pag^s : 720 and was in 1694 lett to the Arrac Distillers for Pag^s : 2000, and in October 1695, continued [to them] at the same rate. Their License being now expired they complain that their acco^ts : being made up, they find themselves by it 500 Pag^s : loosers, for which they alledge two reasons. That the Camp merchants have not bought so much as formerly, and that there were severall stills sett up just without our bounds, therefore cannot be induced to give more then Pag^s : 1600, for the following year.

Being sensible of the truth of their allegations and that it is better to continue it to them then to lett it to others, thô they would give something more. It is resolved that a Cowle be given them for the ensueing year to commence from y^e : primo November at the rate of Pag^s : sixteen hundred.

Translates of two Letters received from Narrain, the Braminy was read, wherein he adviseth that the Present carried to the Nabob was kindly accepted, but that Wottom Chund refused his. That there is discourse in the Camp of the Nabobs giveing Orders to Hussan Cawn concerning Madrasse. Allsoe the Translate of a Letter that Hojee Mahomed Alley sent the Governour this morning by Ramapa, which he had received from Meer Mahomod Allee the Nabobs servant at the Camp (Entred after this Consultation) which was discoursed and agreed to meet tomorrow morning at Eight a clocke to consider what answer to be given to Hojee Mahomod Allee and what necessary to be further resolved thereupon.

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Translate of an abstract of a Letter to Hojee Mahomod from Meer Mahomod Ally, who writ by the Nabobs order.

The great want of [stores here] hath reduced the Kings slaves and the Nabob's [servants] to a miserable condition, which you [are well sencible] of, formerly the Nabob sent by [the hands of Emahim] Cooly Beague a parcell of Jewells to the Captain of Chinnapatam as a Pawn for one hundred thousand Pag^s : but he did not comply, at that time the Nabob was fixed against the Morattas therefore passed it by. On receipt of this Letter I would have you go to Chinnapatam and procure the abovementioned sume of money, which will be for their benefitt, but if they can't pay the whole sume at once, you may allow them some time to pay 15 or [20,000 Pag^s :]. Those people were much to

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blame in not considering rightly of it before, but you may now make them sencible of their error. In case they do not take your advice and come into the right way, write me of it, then that place shall be taken into the Kings Custody like as Pollicat &ca: Sea Port Towns and only the Fort shall remaine under the [m. . .] The Nabob has left at Trepassore Hussun Cawn about this businesse, after I have received your answer the Nabob will send a Party to Assist Hussan Cawn in the takeing of the said sea Port Town, that same town produces yearly [. . above] one hundred thousand pags: it is no [great matter] to lend a years revenue to the Nabob. I would have you send me an answer wth: all speed, what can I write more.

[*P.S.*—Take a little more trouble] then ordinary in effecting this businesse wch: will be [a great piece of service] to ye: Nabob. If the Captain of Chinnapatam can't comply wth: our [desire, he is able to make] it up otherwais, if he borrows 4 or 5 Rups: of each [man in Madrass] twill doe the businesse, till we have repaid ye: money [what country they desire for] it shall be given as a Pawn.

SATURDAY 31st.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENANT GENERALL OF INDIA

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN	MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS	MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL	MR: THOMAS WRIGHT

MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

This being the day appointed for the publishing of the Rt: Honble: Companys Commission for successive Judges in the Court of Admiralty, and it being now represented that there are some cases that have been long depending in the Court, but the Pleading part is over, and there remains now nothing but passing Judgement:, It is resolved that the publishing of said Commission be deferred till Wednesday the 11th: November.

As to the Nabobs demand of one hundred thousand Pags: mentioned in Yesterdays Consultation.

It is considered first, that the Nabob has a [grudge] because we did not Lend him money in February as considered in our Consultation 14th: September. Secondly the report of the greatnesse of the Place, trade and Revenues, hath created an [envy in] the Moors in Generall, which inclines them [to take] all oppertunities against the place, and [those that] have secured their Lives and Estates [here and received] the kindest entertainment prove [as bad as any].

Thirdly, Meer Mahomod Allee [the Nabob's servant] his Letter to Hojee Mahomod Allee, shews the inclination if not designe to reduce Madrasse into the same condition as Pollicat and St: Tho[ma] and Hojee Mahomod Allee being the Avaldar of those two places, has probably a mind to [be Avaldar] of Madrassee too, and he is to be considered accordingly.

Fourthly, the Nabob by his servants Letter repeats now his former demand of the loan of one Hundred thousand Pags: upon security of Town Rents, towards defraying the charges of the Camp when they cannot expect that so much money would be lent, but more probably to draw from us a sume of money.

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Fifthly, to effect which he has ordered [Hussan] Cawn Phousdar of Trivelore to prepare an [Army] and come and make the demand, the reports whereof are spread all over the Countrey, [and] in this place.

Sixthly, it is not the first time that Timapa (late chiefe merchant) his family hath [sided] wth: the Countrey Government, and there [appear] some grounds for suspecting him now. His Letter telling us his intentions of applying to the Government for a livelyhood. The [spie] Braminy at the Camp have informed of [Letters sent] by him to Mahomod Arrief and Wottom Chund, and that his servants attended there. Spies from Trivelore informe that Hussan Cawn sent for Timapa & Drugapa and now advise that they are with him.

Seventhly, there is a party in Town the friends of Timapa's family and Narrain wth: whom probably another party falls in that are disatisfied wth: the farmes, and the generality are possessed with an apprehension that Timapa and Narrain will return to their former stations.

The Generall Letter from Bombay dated the 18th: May last advised of Issa Coolies procureing the Kings Order to the Governr: of Surat for setting the English at Liberty, but it being procured by Yarley Beague without Assid Cawn's assistance, Assid Cawn found a way to render it insignificant by letting of it goe without his chop, and they apprehend their businesse [stuck] so long with Assid Cawn. This passage gives occasion to consider whether his son Zulphaker Cawn's proceedings now, may not arise from his father Assid Cawn's disgust and advice.

Discoursed concerning the aforementioned perticulars but came to no other resolution, [then] that the Place be put into the best [posture of] defence.

Mr: William Fraser warehouse[keeper] pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: one thousand on accot: goods sold and read his storekeepers accot: for the month September last.

A Petition from the Merchants read.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

ATT A CONSULTATION — NOVEMBER 2ND MONDAY.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT GENERALL OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN — MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS — MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL — MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

There being many inconveniences in admitting beggers to goe up and down within the walls, being many of them diseased persons and some times forty or fifty in a Company. It is ordered that henceforth no person be admitted to begg within the walls of the Christian Town, and if they doe the Inhabitants are forbidden to give them anything, and the Officers of the Garrison and Peons and Corporation Officers are ordered when they meet with any within the walls to turn them out. But that the Charity of those who are so disposed may not be obstructed. It is recommended to the Mayor and Aldermen to cause a list to be made of the subscriptions for such Inhabitants as are inclin'd to give weekly and to collect

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the same every Saturday and on the Monday following in the afternoone to cause the same to be distributed at the Choultry among such as really want of those who live here and have used to beg within the walls, whose names are to be written in a list and called over at the time of distribution.

Mr: Joseph Hiller pays into the Rt: H. Comps : Cash Pags: one hundred and fifty being for halfe a year due for the farme of the wine Licence the ultimo June last.

Serepa &ca Merchants appearing, instead of makeing proposealls, sett forth their losses & [troubles] in the last Contract, and demand to know after what manner wee will make up the last account. But being urged to declare how much cloth and at what prizes they can undertake to deliver in February, give the following answer Vizt:

Long Cloth	Bales	100 ps :	3,000	at 15 ℔ Cent advance on the [last contract].
Salampores		57 „	4,560	
Bettellas 40 coved		20 „	1,600	
Morees fine		10 „	1,600	
Ginghams 16 covd :		8 „	1,000	
Do. 40		5 „	300	
	Bales	200		

As to the last contract for 17,000 Pags: Deliverable in September and 3,000 in January, wee allow them twelve ℔ Cent for so much as they delivered in Sepbr: but they delivered but a small part in yt: month, and there was no more then 125 bales of their cloth laden on the King William, tho' not dispatch'd till the 21st: of October. There doeth however appear reason for believing that these Merchants have done their utmost endeavours, that they have mett with misfortunes and unavoidable impediments and that they had brought in enough for one Hundred bales more, but the wittnesse of the Season hindred the cureing their cloth lyeing here, and the contrary winds hindred the bringing of a considerable quantity then lyeing at Fort St: David, and that the Cloth is better then usuall, and that upon the whole (considering the dearnesse of Cotton and some extraordinary charges) they will be loosers by the contract prizes, and consequently will be discouraged from undertaking further, unlesse wee make them a further allowance then by the strictnesse of the contract they can demand. It is therefore resolved that Serapa &ca: Merchants be allowed twelve ℔ Cent upon the Contract prizes of the 125 bales sent home on Ship King William, as entred in that Ships Invoice, and further that they be offered to allow them twelve ℔ Cent on the two Hundred bales they propound to provide in ffebruary, and on so many bales more as they shall bring in by that time.

But because the Merchants have failed in bringing in their shares of the Joint Stocke of five thousand Pags: which they were obliged to doe by their last contract, some having paid in part, and others none at all, by which it doth appeare that there are some of them that are not willing to join wth: Serapa in the carrying on the Investment, and it appearing that Serapa has been the Chiefe if not the only instrument in procuring that cloth from Worriarpollam. It is resolved that it be propounded to Serapa that he produce to us a Company of Merchants who are inclined to join wth: him, and will bring in their share of a stocke in money wth: whom if wee approve of them and their stocke wee will contract for so much as they will undertake to provide, upon such terms as wee can agree.

Upon further consideration of the [matter] of Consultation 31st: past. It is resolved [that we] cannot pay or lend the Nabob the [summ demanded] either out of the Rt: Honble : Companys [cash or by] imposing a Poll Tax on the Inhabitants, nor can wee admitt of an Avaldar over the Black Town and if the Nabob shall send an Army as threatened to beseige the place and compell us to a com[promise] wee ought to defend the Place as well as we can.

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But that it is better to prevent a seidge and the ill consequences that will follow it, if the same can be done by spending a reasonable sume without rendring the place liable to a Tribute. But the method to be further considered.

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WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

5. The following order was signed by the Gov^{r}: and Councill. WEDNESDAY 4TH.

It having been accustomary to give a piece of Broad Cloth ordinary to the person who receives the Town Rent, which was omitted at the last Payment to Hojee Mahomod Allee for the year ending in June last. It is ordered that the same be now sent to him.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOM^{S}· WRIGHT.
MATT: EMPSON.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 5TH.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUT GEN^{LL} OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON

Ordered that Pag^{s}: one thousand be paid to M^{r}: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Upon consideration of the Persons accused of being privy and assisting to Gullocks Escape. It is resolved that Ralph Ottey and John Bulle[n Corporalls] appearing to be guilty, doe run the Ga[ntlet]on the Seventh Instant in the forenoon at [eight] a clock and doe Centinells Duty for two months, [and that] Richard Jolly and Andrew Fisher serjeants (there appearing nothing proved against them but absence from the Cosse of Arm's where they ought to have [been] that night (thô their free guard) doe Centinells [duty] for one moneth.

Upon the matter of Consultation the 31st past. The intelligence received from the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: concerning the french designes in India is considered. They advise of great quantity of amunition and warlike preparations proper for Land service, which is a demonstration that these ships [come] upon a designe against some Place in India, and thô the inteligence mentions Malacca, yet it may [be] rationally supposed that the Commanders in Chiefe have their private instructions for proceeding upon severall designes if one faile, and whatever wee may guesse concerning their returne for Europe, It seems more probable that those six ships are not returned without any attempt or Lading, and it is safer to suppose that they are still in India, and that they have some designe still to execute, there are some arguments may be urged against the probability of their haveing any designe against this Place, or Fort S^{t}: David, as that the Dutch have Ten Ships of Warr in Bengall, which with the northerly Monsoon can easily aud quickly come upon them on any part of this Coast. If the french have any regard to future

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[5TH] trade they ought not to invade this place because seated in the Mogulls Dominions. But there are allso some other circumstances which are matter of caution. It is notorious that the Portuguez are friends of the ffrench. Their intentions doe appear by their ready assistance given them at Goa, and the behaviour of our neighbours at St: Thoma, ever since ye: arrivall of Luis Francisco Cotinho under the character of Captain Generall, and wth: a private commission, but there doeth not yet appear any businesse, he had to doe here, unlesse he came to serve the ffrench designes, and there be any reallity in what the spie Braminy has so often wrote, from the Camp concerning a frenchman running up and down privately to the Nabob and his office soliciting against Madrasse, it may be easily thought that the St: Thoma Portuguez are joined in the Councill. Besides the Rt: Honble: Companys Instructions, that in case the french come agst [us]: to procure assistance from the Moors army. But if the french shall prevail wth: the [Moors]either to join wth: or connive at their [attempt against] the Place, our case would be much [more difficult] against two Enemies. It may be object[ed and it] is very probable that the Nabob cannot make warr against this Place without the Kings order, but it may be allso considered that he hath frequently done greater things then that, not only without, but against the Kings order. He has Imprisoned Cawn Bux, the Kings son, and thô the King for a time did expresse a resentment, yet there followed no effect. Hee hath been frequently ordered to take Chingee, and it hath been in his power to doe it, and destroy all the Morrattas in the Countrey, but instead of that it appears plain that he hath joined Councill with them, and notwithstanding all the endeavours of his Enemies, his father still prevailes at Court to keep the Nabob in his Government, and if he hath an interest to defend himselfe against so Potent Enemies, he can more easily baffle any complaints that we can make to the King, and it is in his power if he be so inclined to trouble and plague us, and to raise new impositions to the stopping all businesse, and it will not be in our power to procure a remedy at last but by the same meanes which he and his Officers now aim at, that is a more considerable Present.

That besides the twelve Cent allowed the Merchants on the 125 Bales Laden on the King William there be allowed them twelve ₱ Cent on all the Worriar [pollam] Long Cloth and Salampores which they shall deliver here or at Fort St: David on the last Contract.

And it is now propounded to them, that they provide at least two hundred Bales $\frac{2}{3}$ course, and $\frac{1}{3}$ fine goods by February and be allowed for the same (if 200 bales) twelve ₱ Cent, and for as much more as they shall deliver in that time.

NAT: HIGGINSON.	R. BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN.	CHA: BARWELL.
WILL: FRASER.	THO: WRIGHT.
FFRANCIS: ELLIS.	M: EMPSON.

7. Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 4th Instant.

SUNDAY 8TH.

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDINARY

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT GENLL OF INDIA

MR: JOHN STYLEMAN — MR: WILLIAM FRASER

MR: FRANCIS ELLIS — MR:

MR: CHARLES BARWELL — MR: THOMAS WRIGHT

MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Ship Russell frigot arriveing this forenoone the Commander came ashore and brought a Letter from Bengall adviseing that the ship was ordered to touch here for advices, and they mentioning no other occasion, and the Commander now

app[earing], and declareing the same, and that he only wanted a dozen Caske of water to be filled, or which order having been given by the Gov^r: for Boats &c^a: to assist and considering the uncertainty of the weather will not allow y^e: ships to stay, It is resolved that the Coppies of such Papers as are ready be made up in a Pacquett and delivered to the Commander, wth: a short Letter of this date now read.

Cap^t: Blundell desireing that the Ten Tubbs of thea may be delivered to him which were sent ashore from his ship when he sailed hence for Bengall in March supposed to belong to M^r: Thaxton his chief mate, or M^r: Edwards [his] Purser, and had been sent aboard wth: out his leave and against his order, and have ever since remained in the Sea Gate Godown in the Custody of the sea Customer. It is ordered that y^e: Sea Customer doe cause the said ten tubbs of Thea to be delivered to Captain Blundell.

NAT : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R : BRADDYLL.
CHA : BARWELL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

8. M^r: Edwards Purser of Ship Russell frigot dyeing in y^e: Road the Comm^r: brought him ashore to be buried.

There being appearance of foule weather approaching the Command^r: was ordered to goe off this evening, to whom was delivered a Pacquett to the R^t: Hon^{ble}: Company containing duplicates of our Generall Letters sent by Ship King William, Bill of Lading and Invoice of D^o: Ship wth: a List of the Pacquet &c^a: The Ten Tubbs of thea mention'd in the foregoing Consultation [were at the] Com^{rs}: request delivered to him, & he carried [them aboard ship].

9. The Russell frigot sailed last night.

ATT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY 9TH.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUT GENER^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^R : JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R : FRANCIS ELLIS M^R : ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R: CHARLES BARWELL M^R :
M^R: MATTHEW EMPSON

The Lieutenant-Generall read his acco^t: of the R^t: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash for the month of October last, the balance being Pag^s : 36148 : 28 : fanams.

Ordered that Charles Hillson who was sent from Bengall by the Agent and Councill on the Mary Buoyer be Entred a souldier in this Garrison from the primo Instant. The Draught of a Contract wth : Serapa &c^a : Merchants being now read and considered is approved, and the same being communicated to all the Merchants, they haveing consented thereunto. The secretary is ordered to enter y^e : same fair after this Consultation, that at our next meeting the Merchants may signe.

The question being againe put whether [wee] ought to make a trial to accommodate mat[ters] wth : the Nabob by fair meanes, and perticularly by makeing Wottom Chund our friend by a Present. In considration of the severall circumstances entred in the foregoeing Consultations. It is resolved in the affirmative. But M^r : Fraser is of opinion not to part wth : any of the Companys money upon such menaceing terms as have lately passed, because the Presents

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formerly sent have not answrd : the end, and the Presenting more will entail an ill Custom upon our successors. But Mr : ffraser being desired to propound some other method, Doeth propound that we rather lend the Nabob four or five-thousand Pags : upon good security of Jewells or Towns.

It is upon the question resolved that wee cannot lend the Nabob any money for the reasons given in our Consultation of the 3d : March last. It is resolved that the Present returned by Wottom Chund be sent him back again wth : two strings Pearls now bought for Pags : 387 with a Letter now read.

NA : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
FFRANCIS : ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA : BARWELL.
M. EMPSON.

Articles of agreement made in Fort St : George this 23d : day of November 1696 between Nathll : Higginson Esqr : Lieutenant Generall &ca : Councill for affairs of the Rt : Honble : English East India Compa : and the under written Merchants in behalfe of themselves &ca : Hundred share Merchants Vizt : Checca Serrapa, Nadaraya Pilla, Sura Vincat Rama, Coparti Cash, Vincate, Kisna, Serrewona Mudelare, Conde Mulla, Matavia, Kisna, Cornapa Chittee, Iapa Chittee, Ranga Chittee, Purpad Chittee, Ragga Chittee, Namasse Wayapa, Basswapa.

The said Merchants do contract that they will provide for the Rt : Honble : Company the following goods to the amount of Pags : twenty thousand to be sorted by the Rt : Honble : Companys sorters according to the usuall Musters of Fort St. George and at the following prizes Vizt :

			No.			fa :	
Long cloth Ordinary	72	Long 2¼ broad	1	at P.	23 :	27	P. 800
			2 +	,,	25 :		
			2	,,	26 :	9	
			3	,,	27 :	18	
Long cloth Blew	...	...	D	,,	30 :	27	
			D+	,,	29 :	18	
Long cloth Brown	...	...	6	,,	26 :	9	
2⅛ broad Salampores	32	2¼	3	,,	11 :	18	P. 300.
			9	,,	12 :		
Salampores Brown	...	...	3	,,	11 :	18	
			9	,,	12 :		
3¾ Broad Ginghams	40	2¼	35	,,	65 :		P. 150
			35 +	,,	60 :		
Ginghams four thread	16	1⅞	34	,,	32 :		
			34 +	,,	30 :		
Morees superfine	18	2¼	12	,,	39 :		P.2000
			11	,,	35 :	18	
Bettella's	40	2	26	,,	37 :		
			25	,,	34 :	18	
	50	2	29	,,	37 :	0	
		L. br.	28	,,	34 :	18	
Neckcloths fine 16 to a piece	50	1 coved	39	,,	19 :	4	P. 50.
			38	,,	17 :	0	
						Pags :	20,000

All which goods are to be delivered sorted & Embaled in Fort St : George on or before the last day of March next ensueing the date hereof under the usuall penalty of twenty five ℣ Cent for what they shall deliver shortly, excepting only the impediments wch : shall unavoidably arise from war and the stops made by the Countrey Government.

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The said Lieutenant Generall &c^{a}: Councill doe contract and promise to pay unto the said Merchants the sume of Pag^{s}: five thousand on the sealing hereby five thousand Pag^{s}: on the first day December next and the remaining ten thousand Pag^{s}: at such time and in such proportion as the said Merchants shall demand after they shall have brought the value of five thousand Pags in Callicoes brown, either into the Factory of Fort S^{t}: David or Fort S^{t}: George.

And further the said Lieutenant Generall &c^{a}: Councill doe contract to deliver unto the said [merchants] as demanded the following Europe goods [at y^{e} :] prizes following Vizt.

Broad Cloth Ordinary P^{s}:	143	at Pa : 21	[per : p^{s} : pa :	3003]
Cloth Rashes	... 10	,, 16	[. . .	160]
Perpetuanoes fine	... 10	,, 13	[. . .	130]
Ditto Ordinary ...	... 20	,, 8		[160]
Lead 60¾ Candy ...	...	at 9 ₱ Candy		547
			Pagodas ...	[4000]

And the said Merchants doe Contract and promise to deliver the amount thereof in Callicoes on or [before] the last day of April next in the same sorts [and on] the same termes as the before mentioned 20,0[00 Pag^{s} :].

And further the said Lieutenant Generall &c^{a}: Councill doe for the better encouragement of S^{d}: Merchants, and that they may have the more goods delivered in the month of ffebruary next towards the Lading of a ship (if one shall arrive) Contract and promise if the said Merchants shall bring in and deliver two hundred Bales of Callicoes so that they shall be sorted and Embaled by the last day of February next either in Fort S^{t}: David or Fort S^{t}: George that then the said Lieutenant Generall &c^{a}: Councill will allow unto the said Merchants twelve ₱ Cent advance on the forementioned prizes for the said two hundred bales and for so many more bales as they shall deliver by that time according to the proportion of $\frac{11}{20}$ Course and $\frac{9}{20}$ fine. In wittnese whereof the aforesaid Merchants have hereunto sett their hands and their joint stocke seal in ffort S^{t}: George this 23^{d}: Novemb^{r}: 1696.

காரணப்ப செட்டி	Cornapa	చక్క సర్వయ	Serapa.
அய்யப்பன்	Japa Chittee	சிவ டாக்ஷம் நடருயன்	Nadarajan.
రంగయ్య వ్రాలు	Ranga Chittee	వెంకట్రాముని చే వ్రాలు.	Vincate Rama.
ருக்கன்		కొప్పరపు కాశి వ్రాలు	Coperte Cash.
		వెంకటక్రిష్ణము	Vencate Kisna.
	Ragga Chittee	சரவணன்	Servana
		మాధవశెట్టి.	Madaway Chittee.
		భేరిక్రిష్ణము	Berra Kisna.

Sealed by Coperte Cash & Nagapa Chittee Cashkeepr^{s}: [by] the order and in the presence of the rest. Tho : Wigmore Sec^{ry} :

11. The following order was signed by the Lieutenant Gen^{ll}: and Councill.

This being the day appointed for reading the Comission for successive Judges in the Court of Admiralty and the depending cases, mentioned in Consultation y^{e} : 31st : past being not yet finished, the reading of y^{e} : said Commission is deferred to Saturday the 14th : Instant.

NATH^{L} : HIGGINSON.
JOHN STYLEMAN.
WILLIAM FRASER.
FRANCIS ELLIS.
ROGER BRADDYLL.
CHARLES BARWELL.
THOMAS WRIGHT.
MATTHEW EMPSON.

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Received a Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated the 7th: Instant wth: Mr: Vicessimus Griffiths Paymaster and Sea Customers accots:

13 Delivered the forementioned Books accots: received from Fort St. David to Mr: Griffith in order to his [giving] an answer to the Fort St: David charge.

SATURDAY 14TH:

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENERALL OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Ordered that John Montero, Joshua deLames & [Lewis] de Rosairo be Entertained as souldiers in this [garrison] from the 7th: Instant and Clement Sincard in [the Gunroom] Crew.

Mr: William Fraser warehousekeeper pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: seven hundred & fifty on accot. Goods sold, and Mr: Matt: Mead Pags: one hundred for a bay Horse of the Rt: Honble: Companys sold him, being ill conditioned & resty.

The Governour doth acquaint that upon discoursing wth: the Merchants concerning the rules appointed for the management of their Joint Stocke businesse dated the 12th: August 1688. They objected against some orders as unsuitable to the present circumstances of their small stocke and businesse, particularly the large allowances to all the Chiefe Merchants and servants. He thereupon ordered them to meet and peruse the said orders, and out of them to collect such rules as they thought best. The Translate of which draught of theirs being now produced and read is approved wth: some alterations and additions.

And it is ordered that the copy thereof be Entred after this Consultation to be signed by the Chiefe Merchants, and that another copy thereof be written to be signed by us and delivered to the Merchants. The Stile being adapted to ye idiom of the Jentue Language may be better understood, then if made more conformable to the English Language.

The Fort St. David Generall Letter dated the 7th Instant being read and their Contract wth: their Merchants considered, being for twenty thousand Pagods: deliverable in May, whereof 150 bales to be delivered in February. The goods rated at ffort St. George prices and nine ℔ Cent allowed upon them. It is resolved that the said Contract be accepted and confirmed onely for so much as the Merchants shall deliver in February according to the proportion of $\frac{11}{20}$ Course and $\frac{9}{20}$ fine goods The said Contract giveing their Merchts: so much a greater advantage then the Fort St. George Merchants have by their Contract, perticularly by the provision of six thousand Pags: Bettellas the prices whereof are advanced considerably above those of the last contract, thô they and the other goods are generally procureable cheaper there then in these parts. Besides this Contract allows nine ℔ Cent upon the whole Contract of 20000 Pags: whereas the ffort St. George Merchants are allowed but twelve ℔ Cent onely upon so much as is delivered in February. Upon which consideration our Fort St. George Merchants will be dis[couraged] if the Fort St David Merchants are [allowed] a greater bargaine then they. And yet there being a probability of a great occasion for goods in February wee are contented to accept of so many as shall be delivered and Embaled by that time In the meanewhile that President Hatsell &ca: doe treat with their Merchants in order to a further Contract.

Translate of a Letter received by Hojee Mahomd: Allee from Meer Mahomod Allee read. Contents whereof are entred after this Consultation The Councill adjourned to the Town Hall to read the Rt: Honble: Companys Commission, appointing

successive Judges in the Court of Admiralty. As allso their Commission for settling the Councill of Fort St. George.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

Fort St. George
12th: November 1696.

A CONSULTATION OF THE RT: HONBLE: COMPS: MERCHANTS

Present

CHECCA SERRAPA	COPERTE CASH
NADARAYA	PERVINA
KISNA NAGUE	RANGIA
SURA VINCATE RAMA	VINCATE KISNA
CORNAPA CHITTEE	RAJA CHITTEE
JAPA CHITTEE	MODOVA CHITTEE

Wee alltogether agree to make one hundred shares and we ought to put in for every share fifty Pags: which will amount to five thousand Pags: for these Hundred shares fourteen Chiefs out of wch: two heads, two Cash-keepers which are to keep the keys of the Cash chest and the joint stock Seal, and what money is received and paid, the Joint stocke Conicoplies are to keep an accot: and that the Cash Keepers without an order in writeing under the fourteen chiefs hands or the Major part are not to pay out any money. The Merchants which goe from hence to provide cloth in the Countrey, the Letters which they send the Joint Stocke Conicoplies are to keep. Once a month the Merchants are to examine and Passe all accots: and signe to the same in their Booke; If the Cash-Keepers pay any money without their orders, they must pay the [principal] and five Cent Interest ℘ mensem.

All Europe Goods the Cash-Keepers are to keep, and if there is any of the Europe Goods lost, they must make it good.

Two Chiefs are to looke after the Brown Cloth, and this Countrey goods, and are to compare wth: ye: Companys musters, and Lengths and Breadths, & if lesse they must returne it to the man that brot: the goods, and they must keep the keys of ye: brown cloth Godown, and if any cloth is torne by washing they must keep it by them, and if the cloth comes out short in number they must be answerable.

Two Merchants are to looke after ye: Blew Cloth, Paintings, and see them well wash'd and beaten. Two Conicoplies are to write all the Accots: and to be chosen by the fourteen Merchants or the Major part. And the two chiefe Merchants are to see the bales packed up. If the Browne Godown Keeper or White cloth Godown keeper sell any cloth they are to receive the money before they deliver the cloth, if not they are answerable.

And all these accounts are to be adjusted by the fourteen Heads once a moneth.

For each Godown to have two different Keys. Each two are answerable for their accots: and are to observe orders and mind their businesse.

The Cash Chest must be kept in the Merchts: Godown in the fort.

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The fourteen Chiefs are to meet every Wednesday at Consultation in the Godown, and if the Chiefs doe not come they must pay one Pagoda and the rest halfe a Pagoda each. Whatever these fourteen chiefs doe the others must agree too: and these fourteen chiefs are to act justly and honestly for the one Hundred share Merchants, and if any of the fourteen Chiefs act contrary to reason they are to be turned out and suffer, and the like to the other Merchants, as these fourteen chiefs order the other Merchants must doe. Once a year to make up all acco[ts]:.

No Creditors are to stop the Joint stocke money, The Court or any other person shall not stop the Joint stocke money, except for Debts due from the joint stocke.

In case there happen any quarel among the Joint stocke Merchants the Governour & Councill are to decide it. And that no body has any power to turne out the joint stocke Merchants but the President and Councill.

That the fourteen chief Merchants Consultations are not to be publick, any one [that makes] them publick are to suffer.

The two chiefe Merchants are to [looke after] all the Joint stocke affairs and the [first of them] to have two votes in all Debates.

Upon the first Wensday of every month the Cashkeepers are to produce their acco[ts]: and y[e]: money remaining in the Cash Chest before all the Chief Merchants.

If any man who hath a share in the Stocke shall sell his share without leave of y[e]: Gov[r]: & Councill, the sale is void and the seller shall forfeit his share to the Joint stocke and make good the money to the Buyer.

If one of the Chiefe Merchants dye or remove when there is occasion to choose another in his roome, all the Hundred share Merchants shall choose one to be approved by the Governour and Councill.

చక్క సెర్రయ్య
சிவகடாக்ஷம் நடராயன்
காரணப்ப செட்டி
அய்யப்பன்
రంగయ వ్రాలు
ருக்கன்

వెంకట్రాముని చేవ్రాలు
కొప్పరపు కోనే వ్రాలు
వెంకట కిష్టమ
சரவணன்
మాదవ శెట్టి
భేరి క్రిష్టమ

These Rules being drawn by Checca Serrapa &[ca]: Merchants out of the former Rules of August 1688 and having been perused by us, wee doe approve thereof as more accommodate to their present circumstances, and doe order that the same be observed. Dated in fort S[t]: George this 23[d]: November 1696.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
CHAR: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

Translate of a Letter from Meer Mahomod Allee to Hojee Mahomod Allee written by Nabob Zulphaker Cawn's order.

I received your Letter in answer to my late letter (which was written by the Nabobs order) and understand the contents, by which I find y[e]: Cap[t]: hath a designe to put us off, from time to time, and for your part have a mind to be assisting to them, there being such a great necessity at pres[t]: for one hundred thousand Pag[s]: to borrow, If those people lend this said summe of money tis well, and if they please shall have any one Countrey as a Paun, and if they comply w[th]:

this the Nabob will shew great respect & friendship towards them, otherwise will happen according to the contents of my former written Letter. For such a small businesse as this what occasion have they to consult a month about it. This demand will fall on yourselfe, therefore I would have you send me a speedy answr: in a plain manner. 17

Dispatched a Generall Letter to the Governour and Councill of Fort St. David Dated 16th: Instant wth: Copy of our Consultation of the 14th: Instant relateing to the Fort St: David Contract.

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 19.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Mr. William Fraser read his warehouse and storekeepers accots: for the month of October last and pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: one Hundred and thirty on accot: stores sold. And Mr: Mathew Empson Land Customer Pags: one Hundred ninety Eight on accot: Land Customes [and read] his accot: for the month of October [last par]ticulars Vizt:

Choultry Custom	Pags:	135: 19: 25
Rubie Brokers	„	53: 2: 24
Cloth Brokers	„	11: 14: 58
	Pags:	200: ...: 27

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Costomer pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: one thousand on accot: Sea Customs.

Whereas Mr: Dubois was dismissed acting in both Courts as an Attorney by order of Consultation Dated the second of September last. & Mutt[amar] Shroff now representing that there is an [action] that hath been long depending in the May[r's Court] between him and Mr: Stephenson in which Mr: Dubois was employed as his Attorney. It is upon his request granted that Mr: Dubois have liberty to continue to act as an attorney in either Court in that particular case till it be finished. If the Court shall see cause.

Ordered that 2050 Jambee Canes bought by the warehousekeeper at Pags: three ℔ hundred be paid for.

The Register of the Court of Admiralty pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash the following sumes on the following persons accots: Vizt: Thomas Harding Pags: 72: 22 fans: John Bevis Pags: 96. Blundell Jemson Pags: 82: 9 fanams.

Mr: Wright produceing an accot: of charges Merchandise paid the Mucquaw & Cattamaran men were for Lading and unlading goods from January 169$\frac{5}{6}$ to the last of October 1696, amounting to Pags: 273: 31: 3. It is ordered that the same be delivd: to the warehousekeeper to examine and report that for the future no charges Merchandise be paid by the Paymaster but such accots: only as are signed by the warehousekeepr:

The Paymaster is ordered to Impresse one Hundred Pags: to the Mucquaw men as usuall, for the repairing of their Mussula's.

Ordered that Pags: ffive hundred be paid to Mr: Alvaro da Fonseca and Compa: being for one Bill drawn by the [Governr:] and Councill of Fort St. David dated the 4th: Instant as advised in their Generall Letter of the same Date.

NAT: HIGGINSON. R: BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN. CHA: BARWELL.
WILL: FRASER. THO: WRIGHT.
FFRANCIS: ELLIS. M: EMPSON.

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23 The spy Braminy advices from the Camp that Zulphaker Cawne receiving inteligence of [Santogee] Gurporows marching with his Army towards Currapa where the Treasure which came from the King for the payment of the Nabobs Forces was Lodged, March'd three days [journey] w^th^: his Army to goe to their reliefe if assa[ulted,] but receiveing advice that Santogee Gurpo row was Marched another way, returned to Arcott.

MONDAY 23D:

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^L^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: LIEUT GEN^LL^: OF INDIA
M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN — M^R^: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R^: FRANCIS ELLIS — M^R^: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R^: CHARLES BARWELL — M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R^: MATTHEW EMPSON

M^r^: Charles Barwell Sea Customer read his acco^t^: Sea Customs for the month October last perticul^rs^: Viz^t^.

To Custom on goods Imported and Exported this month.	Pa: 1031 : 28 : 83	
Severall abatements	„ 17 : 34 : 15	
		P 1013 : 30 : 68
To Custom on Grain	„ 336 : 22 : 77	
To Anchorage	„ 20 : 18 : ··	
		P 357 : 4 : 77
To ffreight Europe Shipping Viz^t^:		
Fleet Frigot from Bengall	„ 128 : 16 : 15	
King William to & from Vizagapat^m^: ...	„ 361 : 21 : 30	
		P 490 : 1 : 2
To ffreight Mary Buoyer from Bengall ...	„ 3 : 1 : 2	
		Pag^s^: 1864 : 2 : 0 :

M^r^: Thomas Wright Paymaster read his Paymasters acco^ts^: for the month of October last perticulars Vizt.

Charges Garrison	P 894 : 15	
Charges Diett	„ 254 : 20	
Charges Generall	„ 489 : 35	
Charges Merchandize	„ 51 : 22	
Charges Cattle	„ 53 : 22	
Acco^ts^: Presents	„ 102 : ··	
Fortifications & repaires	„ 74 : 26	
Mary Buoyer	„ 208 : 15	
Vizagapatam factory	„ 2 : 7	
Yegmore &^a^: new Towns	„ 18	
Anjengo	„ 156 : 8	
		Pag^s^: 2288 : 8

M^r^: William Fraser warehousekeeper pays into the R^t^: Hon^ble^: Comp^s^: Cash Pag^s^: five hundred on acco^t^: Goods sold.

Ordered that Charles Moor an European Musteez be Entertained to serve in the Gun roome at Europe Pay.

Serapa &^ca^: Merchants the signing of their Contract having been delayed some days by foule weather, they now came, and upon enquirey concerning their stocke doe give an acco^t^: of Pa: 278¼ remaining yet due from severall shares, whereof the greatest part absent, and that the rest Pag^s^: 4721¾ is actually received into their stocke w^ch^: amounting to very near the sum̄e promised, they now signed their Contract and their Rules of mannagement Entred next after the Consultations of the 9^th^: & 14^th^: Instants.

Ordered that Pag^s^: five thousand be paid to Serapa &c^a^: Merchants in part of said contract now and that the warehousekeeper doe deliver them the Europe Goods as demanded.

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The warehousekeep^r: acquaints that he cannot exactly examine the mucquaw mens accounts mentioned last Consultation day the time being past, but that it may be complyed w^th: for the future. The Paymaster is ordered to examine it as well as he can, and to discharge the same.

NAT: HIGGINSON.	R: BRADDYLL.
J^o: STYLEMAN.	CHA: BARWELL.
WILL: FRASER.	THO: WRIGHT.
FFRANCIS: ELLIS.	M: EMPSON.

A List of the R^t: Hon^ble: Companys Joint Stock Merchants in Fort S^t: George, 1696.

	Shares.		Shares.
Checca Serrapa	15	Pette Tombe Tonapa Chittee	1½
Nadaraya Pilla	8	Vella Vetula Mutamarra	1
Kisna	3	Matava Chittee & Nella Chittee	1
Sura Vincate Rama	3	Achera Wacca Cundapa	1
Coperte Cash	3	Wallaca Chittee	1
Vincate Kisna	3	Collaway Chittee	1
Serewona Muddelare	3	Era Chittee Muttamar	1
Conde Mulla Matavia	3	Pude Paca Tombe Chittee	1
Checca Severamo	2	Ecombrum China Walacha	1
Chonee Palchittee	2	Suncara Muttamara	½
Ponctulo Rama Kisna	2	Turago Chimaunde	½
Pettegune Ballia	1	Condor Narriain	½
Sura Pede Nundia	1	Cayar Trevungulum	½
Purse Murte Ballia	1	Mura Pana Mutta Chittee	½
Coperte Paupia	1	Vullec Chara Muttamara	½
Mute Lingua	1	Wanna Wassa Corapa Chittee	½
Eclore Pettee Chittee	1	Walwee Chittee and Maude Chittee	½
Chelle Cuttee	1	Vennaiacca Chittee	½
Turgare Paupia	2	Wottewacca Vellapa Servana	½
Pede Rama Nia & Narria	½	Shevarаya Chittee	½
Ande Chittee	½	Rashapa Chittee	½
Mugolore Ballia	½	Pinnapa Chittee	½
Nerrella Naria	½	Corta Chittee & Munna Chittee	½
Checqua Gruapa	1	Venante Tachittee	½
Passe Murte Naigue Chittee	½	Shegapa Chittee	½
Come Jettee Vincate Puttee	½	Amaravate Chittee	½
Codundum Ponose Vincate Puttee	½	Peyamore Chittee	½
Jallee Puttee Chena Naigulle	½	Mungate Singa Chittee	½
Pendall Chittee	½	Munna Marra Mutta Chittee	½
Cornapa Chittee	3	Cheto Puto Tondapa Chittee	½
Japa Chittee	3	Cornapa Sopa Chittee Verrapa	½
Ranga Chittee	3		
Pupalo Chittee	3	Shares	100
Rajja Chittee	3		
Namassewayapa Bassawapa	3		
	79½		

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 26TH

Present

THE HON^BLE: NATH^LL: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUT. GENE^LL: OF INDIA
M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R: FRANCIS ELLIS M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R: CHARLES BARWELL. M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^R: MATTHEW EMPSON

The Governour acquaints that severall persons complaining unto him of one hundred houses being washed away by the late encroachment of the sea, and desireing ground may be allotted them for rebuilding their houses. He caused Ramapa

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to cause a List to be made of those who wanted houses, and to take with him the Carpenter and Bricklayer and looke out for convenient vacant places wch: they did, and afterwards the Governour and severall of the Councill went and viewed those places, allotting severall parcells of ground northward of the Town for the severall Casts Vizt: Cattamaran men, coolys, Pallinquin Boys, Gun room Laskars, and in that part alotted to the Cattamaran men, there being a few Parriars, the Cattamaran men agreed to pay for those houses, and the Pariars were ordered to remove to the Pariar Town. Also severall of the English and Portuguez Houses being destroyed by the sea for whom there is vacancy, and there being about Twenty Pariar Houses mixed among other souldiers houses [Standing] next without the mud walls, to the Eastward Mr: Manuchys Garden. The Carpenter & Bricklayer were ordered to value said houses, and the Pariars acquainted that they should receive the value of their houses, or have other houses built of the same dimensions in another place. This being the nearest and most convenient place for the souldiers.

All which is approved and the Paymaster & Mr: Empson are ordered to take care that those who want habitations be accordingly provided for, and that the persons removed be paid for their Houses by those who take them.

It is noted that the Sea continues to gain upon the shore, and this day all the Sea Gate platform is washed away to the very gate & beates upon the walls for the most part between York Point and James Bullwarke, for which there is no remedy.

Ordered that the Europe Cloth Bales lyeing in at the Sea Gate Godowns, be removed into the Godowns within the fort and sorting Godowns, also the Saltpetre into the Curtain Godowns.

The late Joint Stocke Merchants complaining that they being bound wth: Timapa as security for one thousand Pags: borrowed by him of Pedro Torez upon a Pawn, which Pawn not proveing sufficient to discharge the Principal and Interest by about three hundred Pags:. The Heir of Pedro Torez doe in Timapas absence, demand the remainder of the Merchants, which appearing unreasonable [that] they should pay while the Estate of Timapa is responsible and they desireing that the Paddy fields rented of the Rt: Honble: Company at 40 Pags: ℘ anñ: may be applyed to the discharge of said debt. It is recommended to the Mayor in whose Court ye: mattr: depends, to cause the said Paddy fields to be sequestred for the discharge of said debt, in such manner as that the rent payable to the Rt: Honble: Company may be secured, and the Paddy fields returne to the first renter so soon as the said debt is discharged.

Mr: John Meverell pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: 197-13-1 being so much received on accot: of the Town Conicoplies duty from the primo May 1696, to the ultimo October Do. And Mr: Matt: Empson Pags: 17-17-1 on ditto accot: from the first June 1696 to the last October 1696 and to the Secretary Pags: 61 : 35 : 10 on accot: Talliars Duty for ditto time.

The Lieutenant Generall doth produce a paper signed by himselfe dated this day relateing to Mr: Fraser, which was read. The contents whereof is Entred after this Consultation, and is offered for the consideration of the Council in order to their decisive opinion, and for their better consideration, the Paragraphs of the Consultations &ca: therein referred too, are allso produced for their peruseall.

Mr: Fraser being acquainted that he hath liberty to give what answer he thinkes fitt doth now produce a paper dated the 22d: October last, wch: was read, and that and all other Papers of that nature ordered to be Entred in the Copy Booke of Letters received.

Wootа Lingua Pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: four hundred and Eighty for rice sold Vizt:

	Mer.			
October Garse	4:164	at 8	mercl: ℘ Pags: is Pags:	220 : 18
November	5:206¼	at 8½	℘ do.	259 : 20
			Pagods:	480 : 2

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At Mr: Frasers request It is ordered that a coppy of the Paper delivered by the Lieutenant Generall be delivered to him, in order to his giveing an answer thereunto on Monday next.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

A paper produced by the Lieutenant Generall to the Councill of Fort St: George this 26th Novr: 1696 concerning Mr: William Fraser third of this said Councill, referring to the following Entryes of Fort St: George Consultations.

The ware housekeeper is ordered to produce monthly an accot: of remaines 1694 of goods, stores and Callicoes received, and to cleare the godowne, and to air the DECEMBER Europe goods once in two months. 31ST

Thô frequently admonished, yet was never aired. Ordered that 100 bales of any sort of cloth proper for Europe be bought without musters to be sorted and reported by the sorters, and ye: bargain to be made in Councill.

The President in persuance of said order produced musters of 450 pieces of JANUARY 60 coved Long cloth, 300 pieces Manilha Long cloth & 200 ps: salamprs: wch: the 9TH. sorters is ordered to inspect and report, as also any other cloth offered for sale.

Upon a view of a few pieces Mr: Fraser reported all unfitt for the Europe FEBRUARY Markett, but upon the Councills view there did appear much fitt for ye: Europe 5TH. markett, and a Bale of two sorts sent home indifferently taken for musters.

After the same manner did he delay sorting of Narkora Ballo's cloth which he had upon the Presidents encouragement brought by Boat about the same time, and discouraged him and others from bringing more.

About the same time the President bought of [Servona] a parcell of fine Longcloth for paintings. Mr: Fraser unreasonably delaying to sort and report the quality of two parcells, the fellow was weary and would bring no more, but since that Mr: Fraser hath bought all the rest of the fine Longcloth of the same man at 60 pags: for paintings and shirts and some white, and now he does not complain of delay.

Thus did Mr: ffraser abuse his sorting office to the baffling of the order of Consultation for provideing of cloth wanted for the ships.

Upon a proposall made by the President concerning Capt: Leslie, Mr: Fraser 1695 did in a very scornfull mannr (which was then much observed and resented by the MAY Councill, and perhaps better remembred then can be described) tell him he might 10TH. have it as he pleased. Mr: Fraser being required to explaine his meaning. He then gave an instance of Doctor Blackwalls Petition being rejected and another at another time granted, which upon examination appearing false and frivolous he was required to give further answr:

Which he did on the 15th: in a paper dated the 14th: wherein he charges the 15TH. President and Councill wth: breach of the Rt: Honble: Companys orders, in severall instances wch: he gives for the meaning of his reflect[ion] on the 10th: May, thô one of the instances was [transacted] in Councill after he had spoken those words, and that the rest of the instances are answered in a Paper delivered by the Presidt: 12th: June.

In the case depending in the Court of Admiralty relateing to the Estate of 1695 Nellacunte a Guzerat claimed by a woman who affirmed herself to be his Lawfull AUGUST wife, but the relations and friends of the Deceased was a slave bought, and could 19TH. not by the Laws of the Cast be his wife. The Attorny moved the Court that (according to the rule and practice of the Court) the men of the same cast might be called to give their opinion, and the men were brot: into Court, but the Judge would not hear them, and proceeded to give sentence that she was a Lawfull wife.

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The Judge being then desired by the President to call the men of the Cast to give their opinions as to the womans share, instead of them he made an order of Court appointing six Triblecane Braminies to give their opinions, upon a false suggestion of Timapa's to M^{r}: Lovell the Attorney that there was but one man of the cast in Town and that those Bramines kept Registers of the customs of casts, and by the opinion of the said Bramines the womans share was adjudged in Court, all which perticulars doe appear in the Consultation at large, at which time M^{r}: ffraser was desired by the President to informe him if any thing had been wrong represented. But M^{r}: Fraser did not then object and signed the foule Consultation booke wth: this note [I signe to the conclusive part] But when he signed to the fair book he wrote these words [the information made to the President by the overseers of Nellacunte's Estate is not true in all parts, and some is grosely false informed by them] which exception being observed in Consultation second September to be irregular, and M^{r}: ffraser desired to declare wherein they were false. He refused to declare, but signed the Consultation wth: a note (nothing to the purpose) concerning a paper which he hindered to be read in Court w^{ch}: mentioned some persons entering the widdows house 3 (or) 4 times wth: abusive language to the widdow.

1695 SEPTEMBER 2ND. M^{r}: Fraser moves for a Cowle for some persons who would propound something for the Comp^{s}: advantage 400 Pag^{s}: a year, but denyes to acquaint the Proposers or the Proposall, pretending the Proposers were afraid of some body, but denyeing to declare whome, he was desired to produce a draught of the cowle
12 desired, which was in Consultation 12th: September judged not convenient not to signe, as unusuall and needlesse, and carrying in it a reflection upon the President and Councill as persons not fitt to be trusted, and M^{r}: Fraser then declareing that he could detect many strange practises and frauds, He was order'd and promised to do it in writeing but never did.

18 In like manner he insinuates a base reflection upon the President as guilty of ill practices in procuring witnesses against M^{r}: Dolben (as he had frequently done before) but being desired to explain his meaning intelligibly and perticularly, he refused because the time was past.

1695 SEPTEMBER 24TH. This whole Consultation setts forth a strange and unexampled Huffing carriage of M^{r}: Frasers & publicke affronts given by him to the President before a mixed company, and imprudent argueing upon matters acted in Consultation. Upon which occasion M^{r}: Fraser called in question the then constitution of y^{e}: Councill, and repeating the demand of the blanke Cowle, was ordered to give his reasons in writeing promised on y^{e}: 12th: Instant. But instead of complyeing with his promise and the order of Councill, enters a generall exception [I doe not approve of this Consultation for reasons hereafter to be given, but it is not a time now] takeing time to frame his reasons as circumstances shall hereafter direct.

OCTOBER 4TH. M^{r}: Fraser acquaints the Councill wth: an informac̄on received against Veropa Chief measurer for takeing measureing Duty, and M^{r}: Tredcroft Sea Customer was ordered to assist him in the further examinac̄ion.

10TH. Enquirey being made what progresse M^{r}: Fraser made in said examinations, it appear'd that he avoided to proceed therein wth: M^{r}: Tradcroft as order'd but delayed the examination,

The Councill thereupon resolved to take the examinations.

Which was done on the 11th: & 12th: October & entred in a booke apart, and was done fairly as M^{r}: Fraser himselfe acknowledged. But there being an information given that Jango and Punkola Kisna the chief ffactors in the information against the measurers had used ill practices in gaining wittnesses, causeing some to signe writeings which they knew nothing of. Signing a mans name to an Olha without his knowledge, and spreading reports up and down that the Governour was to be turned out, and M^{r}: Fraser to be Governour, by which change they were assured of great advantage by meanes of Jango M^{r}: Frasers servant.

The examination whereof was deferred till the examinations of the measurers was finished, least M^{r}: Fraser should from thence take occasion to complain of

discountenanceing his evidence. But when that was gone throw and Mr. Fraser owned he had no more questions to aske nor other evidence to examine. The President and Councill proceeded to examine one Redde Vengano touching the change of Government, but the fellow was really frightned wth: Mr: Frasers confronting him, and denyed what he had said before & therefore was dismissed, but upon an after information that Ponkala Kisna had threatned this man while under examination before us. He was sent for againe to know the truth of that, and then Mr: Fraser being not present, he gave such an account of that and of the other practises of Punkola Kisna and Jango as occasioned another examination of all the former wittnesses, upon which a very clear Discovery was made of their roguery's, wch: Mr: Fraser hath all along undertaken to vindicate, and in his paper of the 24th: October, and 19th: November (as well as in frequent discourses) basely & Scandalously reflected upon the President and Councill for contrivances to baffle the Companys evidence and insinuateing as if he had a great many discoverys to make, but he being contrived against to fall a victim, and the time being such that truth itselfe must draw backe and viel itselfe in silence he is forced to forbear, Which cannot be esteemed by those who have seen all the passages, other then a base, malicious ambitious & crafty designe mannaged by an unparaleld impudence, to bring reflections upon those who stood between him and the chair, to turne them out and bring himselfe in, still guilding his pretence wth: a colour of zeal for the Companys interest. Mr: Fraser having severall times in Consulta: insinuated reflections upon the President, by often repeating the mention of a Paper wch: he had out of respect to the President hindered from being read in Court (whereof Mr: Fraser takes notice in his exception to the Consultation 2d: Septr: last) & being now ordered to produce, refuseth, th'o he owned to have it, and signed the Consultation with this note [The paper demanded of me relates to Berra Kisna and the Honble: Presidents name is not mentioned, but is a part of the evidence against Kisna, that I have allready declared I would not proceed further against him at present]. 1695, OCTOBER 28TH.

By the words (the Presidents name is not mencõned) his meaning seems to be that the President is no way concern'd in it, why then should he so often mention the hindering of its being read in Court out of respect to the President and since the matter whereof he declares in the Consultation the second September to be that severall persons entred the House of Nellacunte severall times wth: abusive Language to the widdow, why should Mr: Fraser refuse to obey the order of Consultation for produceing in it, it importing no privacy fitt to be reserved as future evidence against Kisna and the rest, for if they entred the house as friends (as they say) they are not culpable if as robbers or breakers of the Peace they are punishable by the Justice. 1695,

Mr: Fraser repeats his scandalous reflections on the President and Councill, concerning the Presidents acting as he pleases and the Councill as prepossessed by him, whereof, and his other unbecomeing language and carriage there is no more perticular notice taken in a paper signed by the President, Mr. Styleman, Mr: Wright, and Mr: Tredcroft (the then Councill) and entred the 7th November, wherein he is admonished to behave himselfe in better manner. and he is allso required as he is a sworne servant to the Rt: Honble: Company and of Courcill to discover all the frauds and injuries he hath been informed to be committed by Kisna or others that the same may be examined, unto which he promised to give an answer in writeing, but never did. NOVEMBER 4TH. Nov. 7.

The Rt: Honble: Companys Commission dated ye: 6th: March 1694, for settling the Councill of Fort St. George, sets down the order of the Councill in as expresse and intelligible terms as could be devised. Mr: John Styleman next after President Hatsell, and Mr: William Fraser next after Mr: Jno: Styleman. But Mr: Fraser makes a scruple of Mr: Stylemans precedency before him. FEBRUARY 4, $169\frac{5}{6}$.

Which is done in modest terms, but alltogether without the least shadow of reason, and ye: consequence of his scruple is, a report spread in Towne that Mr:

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Styleman is not appointed second by the Rt: Honble: Company, but made so by the Lieutenant Generall against the Companys orders. Whether Mr: Fraser hath given out that report or no he knows best, it is said he hath discoursed in Company to that purpose.

1696 August 20th. The Entryes which Mr: Fraser makes in the Consultations on the 5th: November 1694. 21st: April 1696 in favour of Narraine, and on the 20th: & 24th: August 14th: & 21st: September 1696 in favour of Timapa give occasion to reflect upon his Zealous but imprudent publicke vindicateing those two persons for a twelve month past upon all occasions and in all companys as well as Consultations by way of Publicke opposition to the sentiments and resolutions of the rest of the Councill. The consequence whereof is that he stands in the common opinion of all the Inhabitants as their Patron, and the Head of that disaffected factious party who are influenced by an opinion that Mr: Fraser and Timapa turned out President Yale, and yt: they have credit enough in England to turne any one out, and that Mr: Fraser will in a short time be Governour, and then Timapa & Narrain will be restored to their stations. The evill effects whereof doeth allready appear in the private combinations of the Inhabitants wth: Timapa thô absent and wth the countrey Beetle farmers, to destroy that farme, and against ye: present Company of Joint stocke Merchants, and what it may further tend to can be more easily apprehended then expressed. The former rebellion mannaged by the familys of the Vincatadrys being compared wth: the present circumstances relateing to the Countrey Government.

1696. October 15th. Mr: Fraser doth bring upon the stage the question whether any power in India can turne out or suspend one of the Councill of Fort St: George, & thô in discoursing upon the said question he frequently expressed himself wth: ambiguous reservations, and would since have alter'd the genuine sence of his discourse by equivocateing constructions, Yet it was then well observ'd and still remembred by the Councill, that he pleaded against the generalls power of suspending any of the Councill of Fort St: George.

The consequence of which notion is, that Mr: Fraser because he is appointed of Councill by the Commission may declare himselfe the head of a ffaction against the Governour and Councill, and may goe as long & as far as he pleases, and none in India can call him to accot: or remove him from Councill, and is under no controul.

And indeed he hath acted as if he were of that opinion, slighting and disregarding orders of Consultation, in the ordinary course of Consultation debates behaveing himselfe arrogantly, affronting the Governour and others of the Councill wth: base scurrilous reflections, or impudent bantering Language more becoming a quarrelsome Huffe or a Hector then the member of a Civil Councill to the disturbing, distracting and obstructing of Proceedings in Councill, whereof there are a few Instances observed in the foregoeing Consultations. They were too frequent and too many to be all noted in Consultation or remembred, and indeed things of that nature doe not admit of a description. But it is remembred that for severall months Mr: Fraser did behave himselfe so arrogantly towards the Govr: & Councill, that some of them complained to the Governr: they could no longer bear wth: his freqt: affronts, and spoke of quitting their stations for that reason, perticularly on the 7th: Novembr: 1695, when the then Councill being mett to consider of a remedy; those of Councill complained that his affronting carriage and bantering way of disputeing every thing was insufferable, and unlesse some effectuall remedy could be found out, they were discouraged from further attendance in Councill. However the result was only an admonition wch: and severall other admonitions given him in Councill before and since that time, thô not entred) he little regarded, but proceeded to behave himselfe as the head of a distinct party opposite to the Governr: and the rest of the Councill, very imprudently discourseing in mixed company of matters transacted in Councill, and in his private discourse to severall of the Councill, insinuateing unworthy reflections on others of Councill, perticularly on the Governr: against whome

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his implacable prejudice doth too plainly and Publickly appear both by his Generall conversation and by his papers and darke exceptions to Consultations wherein he slily represents him in such manner as must render him in the opinion of every good man who believes those insinuations a treacherous betrayer of that great trust committed to him by the Rt: Honble: Company and alltogether unworthy and uncapable of the character of Lieut: Generall of India, and consequently tends to lessen and invalidate his authority both here and in other parts of India where there may be occasion to exert it. Upon which consideration the Lieut: Generall doeth thinke it necessary for putting a stop to the growing factious boldnesse of Mr: Fraser and his adherants to declare his opinion that it is not consistent wth: ye: rules and reputation of ye: Governmt: that Mr: Fraser doe proceed to act with us in Councill till he hath given satisfaction for the affronts offered by him to the Lieutenant Generall and others of Councill. However is content that this whole matter be referred to his Excellency the Generall of India, and his answer and order be expected.

NAT: HIGGINSON.

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present MONDAY 30TH.

THE HONBLE: NATHANLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENELL: OF INDIA

MR: JOHN SYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Mr: Vicessimus Griffith delivering his answer to the Fort St: David charge, the same is ordered to be entered in the copy booke of Letters received, wherein he doth in generall disown what charged to him in that accot: by Pags: 495:7:3. He was ordered to explain the perticulars of the difference, and his answer returned to him for that purpose.

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash Pags: Eight hundred on accot: Sea Customs.

Ordered that Pags: five hundred be paid to Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster for defraying charges Garrison.

Rangia Chitte having by his Petition represented that in a case depending between him and Serapa, of the abitrators chosen to decide it, two of them have declared unto him that they are afraid of Serapa, and can't proceed in the mannageing of his businesse as they ought to doe, praying four Englishmen may heare the businesse wth: the other arbitrators or that it may be put into ye: Court.

The Parties and the arbitrators being sent for and examined, Rangia Chittee doeth deny that any of the arbitrators have told him so, and the arbitraorts themselves doe allso deny it and now Rangia Chittee doeth say that he was afraid of it, and that there was a mistake in the writeing the Petition, and repeats his request that Englishmen may be joined wth: the arbitrators or that it may be put into the Court.

Serapa on the other hand doeth alledge that they did voluntarily chuse abitrators, and signe an arbitration Bond under penalty of twelve hundred Pags: forfeiture to the Rt: Honble: Company, and offers Rangia Chittee will pay ye: said forfeit, and deposite the money awarded by the arbitrators upon three articles amot: to about Pags: 2,200 and give security for the remaining part of the articles demanded by him, the amount whereof he cannot exactly tell, but demands security for at least ten thousand Pags: He will be content to chuse four English men, or referr the whole matter to the Court of Admiralty as desired by Rangia Chittee. But Rangia Chittee refuses to pay the twelve hundred pa: forfeiture, or Deposite the two thousand two hundred Pags: awarded, or give security for Pags: ten thousand.

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Serapa thereupon demanding that Rangia Chitte may be compelled to deposite the 2200 Pag^{s}: & give security for ten thousand Pag^{s}:. The arbitrators being required to give their opinions whether Rangia Chittee ought to deposite y^{e}: money according to their Customs; they all declare he is.

Upon examination of the arbitrators and y^{e}: Parties, it doth appear that Serapa did about 12 years agoe intrust in the hands of Rangia's father and Brother a considerable sume of money whereof they have not rendred any acco^{t}: till about nine months since, according to which account rendred by Rangia Chittee, Serapa now makes his demand. and thô Rangia Chittee doeth now deny his own account, yet the arbitrators have awarded him to pay Serapa about Pag^{s}: two thousand two hundred upon three articles thereof, Besides w^{ch}: demands Eight articles, whereof one is for Eighteen Bills in an Escrutore locked and sealed, and left in trust with that family, which Escrutore was broke open and the bills now denyed. It doth allso further appear that Rangia Chittee produced to the arbitrators a bill signed by Serapa for nine Hundred Pag^{s}: upon which the arbitrators doe declare that they must have awarded Serapa to have paid both the Principal and Interest had he not produced a Counter bill signed by Rangia Chittees family, and now own'd by their Conicoply who wrote it. It is also further considered that the arbitrators have spent near nine months upon the arbitration and have gone thrô but three articles, and there will be occasion suddainly for Serapa to goe to Fort St. David & Worriarpollam for setling the businesse of the Fort St. George Investment, and because this matter cannot be brought to an issue so soone. However that it be put into such a method as Serapa may be secured. It is therefore resolved that there appears no reason to lay aside the arbitration unlesse both parties doe agree.

That Rangia Chittee ought to deposite P^{a}: 2200 awarded by the Arbitrators appointed.

That he and Serapa ought to give security in such summes as the arbitrators shall thinke reasonable, till the determination of the remaining articles.

That Rangia Chittee ought to be secured till he comply therewith.

It is recommended to the Judge to act therein as agreeable to the practise of the Court, and to cause Rangia Chittee's Estate to be secured if occasion shall require for answering Serapas demands.

Ordered that Gabriel de Sento Portuguez be Entert^{d}: to serve as a souldier in this Garrison. And that Godfrey Woodward be entertained in the Gun room crew from the first Instant at one hundred fan^{s}: a month.

M^{r}: Fraser moveing that M^{r}: Broughs being steward is contrary to the Comp^{s}: order and Interest, charges not being lessened but encreased above what it hath been in former years, except when the Bengall gentlemen were here.

For the present it is ordered that the Paym^{r}: and M^{r}: Empson doe examine the charges Diett for Ten years past, and report the difference and the occasions [reasons] thereof.

NAT: HIGGINSON.	R. BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN.	CHA: BARWELL.
WILL: FRASER.	M. EMPSON.
FFRANCIS: ELLIS.	

TUESDAY [℘MO.] The following order was signed by the Lieut: Generall and Councill Viz^{t}. Ordered that ffive thousand Pag^{s}: be paid to Checca Serapa &c^{a}: Merchants in further part of their last contract.

NAT^{L}: HIGGINSON.	ROGER BRADDYLL.
JOHN: STYLEMAN.	CHARLES BARWELL.
WILLIAM FRASER.	THOMAS WRIGHT.
FRANCIS ELLIS.	MATT: EMPSON.

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Received a Generall Letter dated the 26th: Novr: 96 from Fort St. David wth: severall other papers according to List.

Ship Simon William Griffin Master arrived from Vizagapatam and brought a Generall letter from the Chief &ca: dated the 26th: past wth: copy of their Diary & Consultation from the 13th: September 96 to the 23rd: November Do. 2

ATT A CONSULTATION THURSDAY 3RD.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR:
MR: MATT: EMPSON

Mr: Thomas Wright at the Mount.

Ordered that Pags: fifty-five & thirteen fanams be paid to Mrs: Milicent Woolnough being for one Bill dated the 23rd: past drawn by the Governour and Councill of Fort St: David as advised in their Generall Letter dated 26th: ditto.

Mr: John Foquett Rentall Generall produceing his accot: of Quitt rents for one year ending Septr: 1695, amounting to Pags: 1963: 22: and pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: 69: 7: fanams being the balance thereof, wherein it is noted that there is but 14 Pags: 34 fanams losse upon the whole accot: quit-rent, and fans: 71 badd and Pags: 10: 14 fanams remaining in Pawns.

Generall Letter from Fort St: David dated ye: 26th: past, and their Draught of a Protest against the Dutch at Tevenapatam and their Contract for Ten thousand Pags: read. Also a Generall Letter from Vizagapatam dated 26th November 96 wherein they advise their takeing the Govermt: of Bimli patam, Connarra and Weldore from the Sier Lascar for three years.

Generall Letter to Fort St: David dated ye: 30th: November and second Instant read.

Ordered that William Bayley be Entertained as a souldier in this Garrison.

Mr: Vicessimus Griffith now delivers the same accot: which he produced last consultation day without any alteration, declareing that that is all he has to answr: to it; onely that the sumes charged by the Fort St: David accountant to his account for sea Customs for the month November 1695 Pags: 252: 31 fanams & part of Pags: 234: 28: 3 the amount of Sea Customs for the month December wch: he never received, and refuseing to give further answr: The Attorney Generall is ordered to enter an action against him in the Court of Admiralty for the balance of his accot: being Pags: 541: 23: 4.

The Rupee sent in the Vizagapatam Letter of the 26th: past proves good silver, there being only a defect in the stamp. The said Generall adviseing the prices of Copper, Tynn, Tutenague and Pepper &ca: vendable in those Parts. Allso mentioning Gance, Sandall & Ellephants Teeth all fitting for ye: markett, and some of those Commodities being now to be bought at such rates as probably may yield 12 or 15 ℔ Cent profit. It is considered whether to buy now or stay a month longer which may be time enough for any conveyance, and it is resolved that the desired quantity of each (except Copper) be bought at such rates as will yield 12 or 15 ℔ Cent profit upon the Vizagapatam advices.

Ordered that Mr: William Fraser and Mr: Charles Barwell doe buy the said goods and draw bills upon the Governour for payment of the same as occasion shall require.

Mr: Frasers paper dated the 22d: October deliver'd in Consultation on the 26th: November, wherein he endeavours to vindicate his innocence in two points

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misrepresented in the Consultation of ye: 15th: October Vizt: That he unreasonably espoused Mr: Braddylls cause, and that he calls in question the Generalls power of suspending one of Councill of Fort St. George, the said paper being read a second time and considered, It is resolved.

First, That the said paper doeth confirme our opinion that Mr: Fraser doeth unreasonably espouse Mr: Braddylls cause.

For 1st: Mr: Braddylls abilities or good services were never called in question and Mr: Frasers enumeration of them only serves as an argummt: to prove his friendship to Mr: Braddyll, but does not prove Mr: Braddyll innocent or Guilty, nor the other arguments alledged for all those perticulars may be true, and yet it may be also true that Mr: Braddyll is also guilty of ye: matters charged by ye Agent &ca: Secondly. That thô Mr: Fraser doeth seem to deny and avoid, yet he doeth really expresse the very same sence wch: is entred in the Consultation of 15th: October relateing to the Generalls power, and therefore groundlessley complaines that the Consultation was framed and calculated to his prejudice, and that his words were entred by parts & fragments disjointed from the rest of the Coherent sence. It is true all he said was not entred nor ought to be (the Consultation Booke at that rate would swell into too great a bulke) but the words entred were written downe by the Lieutenant Generall as spoken, and by comparing them wth: what was discoursed by Mr: Braddyll, his meaning was understood for he would not speake directly but as he uses to doe by halves and darkley & wth: ambigious reservations. Afterwards Mr: Fraser complained his sence was not entred and added many explications, as he doeth now in his Papr: thereupon the question was then put to ye: Councill whether they understood that to be his meaning or no, which was resolved in the affirmative, and that Mr: Frasers after discourses were but equivocal explications of ambigious reservations. After all the trouble he gives himselfe and us that Consultation is not framed more to his prejudice then his own paper, for by the sence of his own paper, the question neither was nor is, whether ye: Generall ought to suspend Mr: Braddyll without conviction, but whether the Generall has power to suspend one that is appointed of Councill of Fort St. George, by the Rt: Honble: Comps: Commission and the same appeares plainly by the opposition which Mr: Fraser places between the said Commission and the Genll: order for suspension of Mr: Braddyll.

Thirdly That the reflection which he insinuates as if the advices sent to the Rt: Honble: Company and the Generall by the King William and the Mary Booyer were framed and calculated to his prejudice and sent without his privity, is groundless, for there was nothing added to those Generall Letters, but what was read in Consultation in Mr: Frasers hearing, which referr to copies of Consultations &ca: Papers, and the List of Papers sent therewith being now produced by the Secretary appear to mention none but papers wch: have passed publickly.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FFRANCIS: ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
CHAS: BARWELL.
M: EMPSON.

3 Dispatched a Generall Letter to Fort St. David dat: 30th: November and 2d: Instant.

Received a Generall Letter from the President and Council of Surat dated the 17th: October 1696.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

MONDAY 7TH.

THE HON^BLE^: NATH^L^: HIGGINSON ESQ^R^: LIEUT. GEN^LL^: OF INDIA
M^R^: JOHN STYLEMAN M^R^: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R^: FRANCIS ELLIS M^R^: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R^: CHARLES BARWELL M^R^:
M^R^: MATT: EMPSON
M^R^: THOMAS WRIGHT *at the Mount.*

Whereas by Consultation of the 29th: August 1695 there was provision made for an allowance to Wotta Linga the Town Conicoply of Eighty Pags: ℘ annum, to be paid out of the receipts of the Town Conicoplies Duty for his maintenance, since which Vizt the 15th: June last in persuance of the Rt: Honble: Companys orders the said duty is made over to the Corporation.

It is upon consideration of the reasons mentioned in said Consultation 29th: August 1695. Resolved, that out of the said Duty be yearly paid to Wotta Linga the sume of one hundred Pags: by Quarterly payments, from the last payment ending January last to continue during his life, or till it shall be otherwise ordered by the Rt: Honble: Company or by this Councill, and it is thought convenient that the said duty be received as it hath been formerly by the Officers of the Sea and Land Custom Houses and by them pd: into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash out of wch: it is agreed it shall be paid to the Corporation every six months Vizt: upon the 30th: Septembr: & 30th: April.

The Councill being met went to view Yorke Point, and were there met by Messrs: Chardin, Affleck and other Inhabitants, to see if any method could be found out to prevent the further incroachment of the sea upon that Point, wherein it hath worne away the sand Eight foot from the surface, and the surfe beates constantly upon the Point. But it is generally thought that no meanes can be used but will rather doe more hurt then good. Onely a proposall being made that baggs filled wth: sand may probably doe good, It is thought convenient that a trial be made in some part of the Point. and ordered that the warehousekeeper doe furnish such old bags as he has at hand.

The Lieutenant Generall read his accounts of the Rt: Honble: Comps: Cash for the month of November the balance being Pags: 33334: 3: 2, which being more then there appears a present occasion for the Investment here or Fort St. David or Vizagapatam. It is ordered that ye: Warehousekeeper and Mr: Braddyll doe buy Rupees currant in Bengall to the amount of Pags: Ten thousand at the markett price, wch: thô at present is about 364¾ for 100 Pags: yet it being probable that they will daily prove dearer, they are ordered to buy till the prices rises to 355.

Generall Letter to Vizagapatam dated the 4th: Instant read and approved, being an answr: to theirs dated the 26th: November concerning their renting three Towns of the Sier Lascar.

Hojee Sied Mahomod Rosar a Merchant who came the last year from Ganjam wth: Grain & Cloth, having complained to the Justices of ye: Choultry of his House being broken open, and from thence was stolen to the value of about 270 Pags: and ye: Justices of the Choultrey reporting that they have examined & give credit to his complaint and Ramapa acquainting yt: he is at length willing to accept of 120 pa: in full of his losse. It is ordered that the same be paid him by the Secretary out of ye: Talliars money.

NAT: HIGGINSON.	R. BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN.	CHA: BARWELL.
WILL: FRASER.	M. EMPSON.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.	

9. Dispatched a Generall Letter dated the 4th: Instant to the Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam.

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[Thursday 10th]

Att a Consultation

Present

The Honble: Nathll: Higginson Esqr: Lieut: General of India
Mr: John Styleman   Mr: William Fraser
Mr: Francis Ellis   Mr: Roger Braddyll
Mr: Charles Barwell   Mr:
Mr: Matthew Empson

Mr: Thomas Wright *at the mount.*

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer pays into the Rt: Honble: Companys Cash Pags: five hundred on accot: Sea Customs.

Mr: William Fraser warehousekeeper read his warehouse accots: for the month November last.

Andrew Goodman Master of the Mary Buoyer from Bengall having brought two hundred bags of Saltpetre lesse then she carryed from hence for Bombay and in lieu thereof brought for his account without the leave of the Agent and Councill [*Lacuna in the original*]. Jarrs of Butter and other things which amount to more then usuall Priviledge of such a vessell, besides which he brought twenty six baggs Saltpetre, which he kept privately in the vessell till discharged, and then brought them ashore, which have ever since lain in the Custom House and being now demanded by Goodman. It is our opinion that he ought to be punished for example sake to deter others from ꝑsumeing in like manner, and that the Saltpetre be taken to ye: Rt: Honble: Comps: accot: paying him Pags: 49 the prime cost, which Andrew Goodman being acquainted with and acquiessing therein. It is ordered that the said forty nine Pags: be paid him and that the said 26 bags Saltpetre be delivered to the warehousekeeper.

Mr: William Fraser produces his answer to ye: Lieut: Generalls Paper dated the 26th: November, wch: thô it be dated the 28th: November and mentions that the time Limitted by Consultation was too short to give ꝑticulr answer, which was on Thursday the 3d: Instant, when it being demanded of Mr: Fraser he declared it was not ready, and not produced till now.

Resolved that each of the Councill doe peruse the Papers, Consultations &ca: relateing to this matter & any other papers that they shall thinke necessary in order to their giveing their opinion therein on Thursday the 17th: Instant, that the whole matter may be remitted to his Excellency the Generall.

Nat: Higginson.
Jo: Styleman.
Will: Fraser.
Ffrancis Ellis.
R. Braddyll.
Cha: Barwell.
M. Empson.

10 Received a Generall Letter from the Commodore & Councill at Anjengo dated the ultimo October 1696.

11 Dispatched a Generall Letter to President Hatsell of this date wth: copies of severall papers relating to Mr: Fraser.

This Evening the Sedgwick advice Vessell Alexander Denett Commander arrived from England. The Captain advises that he had sent the Rt: Honble: Comps: Pacquett ashore at Fort St: David two days agoe.

13 Last night about 11 a clocke Mr: Robert Cranwell arriv'd from Fort S: David and brought a generall Letter from the Govr: and Councill dated the 9th: Instant and the Pacquett from the Rt: Honble: Compa: ꝑ ship Sedgwick.

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ATT A CONSULTATION [MONDAY 14TH]

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

The Pacquett from the Rt: Honble: Company by shipp Sedgewick received from Fort St: David overland the 12d Instant at night, being now opened are found to contain as by list entred after this Consultation, and the Generall Letters dated 20th ffebruary 1695, and 20th May 1696 read.

A pacquett from St: Hellena being opened is found to contain a Generall Letter from the Governour &ca: dated the 22d August 1696, and a copy attested by John Vernon of the judgement of their Court for Transportation of Michael Isaack to ye: East Indies there to serve the Rt: Honble: Company four years wth: a memorandm: that his wife allso takes her Passage wth: him.

Capt: Dennett is desired to produce to us the orders given him at St: Hellena for receiving said Michael Isaack aboard.

The Generall Letters from the Rt: Honble: Company makeing no mention of ship Sedgewick as a Charterparty ship, and the Captain informing us that she was built by the Rt: Honble: Company & belongs to the Joint stocke. It is ordered that the Paymr: doe supply the shipp wth: such Provisions & stores as the Commander shall demand and the Governr: approve as necessary.

Ordered that the warehousekeeper doe cause the Treasure and Bales of cloth on Ship Sedgwick to be unladen forthwith, but the Commr: acquainting us that he cannot send the Lead ashore without receiving an equal Kintilage, and that sand is not proper. It is therefore ordered that ye: unlading of the Lead be deferred.

Ordered that Doming a deCosta a Portuguez be Entertained to serve the Rt. Honble: Company as a souldier at sixty fanams ℔ mensem.

The Lieutenant Generall doeth acquaint the Councill that he hath received a Pacquett from the Secrett Committee, mentioned in the List of Ship Sedgwick's Pacquett, containing two Letters, which doe direct him to mannage some businesse for the Rt: Honble: Company without acquainting the Councill therewith. The execution whereof may require the disburseing of money and employing of men, and cannot at present communicate any more, then that the said Letters are dated the 1st & 5th May 1696 and signed by the following persons. George Bohun Govr: John Fleet, Samuel Ongley, Francis Eyles, Robert Dorrell, who are members of the Secrett Committee. The Councill are of opinion that the Lieutent Generall may disburse of the Rt: Honble: Company's Cash and Employ men without particular orders of Consultations as usuall in the ordinary course of the Rt: Honble: Comps: affairs vizt: so far as occasion shall require for the execution of the orders of ye: sd; Letters dated the 1st & 5th May 1696.

It being propounded to the Councill whether Serapa wth: two Merchts: may proceed to Fort St: David & Worriarpolam for the manageing & settleing the businesse of their Investmt. It is agreed that they may proceed.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

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LIST OF THE COMP^{s}: PACQUETT TO THE FORT BY THE SEDGWICK.

1. Comp^{s}: Generall to the Fort dated 20th Feb^{ry}: 1695 & 20th May 1696.
2. Invoice of the said ship.
3. Bill of Lading ditto.
4. Letter to the King Mindanao dated 20th May 1696.
5. Secrett Letter to Lieutenant Generall Higginson sent by the Captains own hand.

17th: This morning Serapa the Chief Merchant took his Passage upon a Boat for Fort S^{t}: David in order to the settling the businesse of the Investm^{t}: there and [at] Worriarpollam.

[THURSDAY 17TH] ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{L}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEU^{T}: GENERALL OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN — M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS — M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL — M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON

Ordered that Pag^{s}: one thousand be paid to M^{r}: Thomas Wright Paym^{r}: for defraying charg^{s}: Garrison.

The R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company having in the 22^{d}: Parag: of their Generall Letter dated the 20th: February 1695 observed that M^{r}: Roger Braddyll stands Debtor upon the Balance of the Maulda books LL Ending the 30th: April 1693. Rupees 137584 : 5^{a}: M^{r}: Braddyll doeth now produce a copy of Maulda books MM whereby it doth appear by an Entry y^{e}: first May 1693 that that whole sum̃e had been made good to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash & remitted in severall sum̃es to Chutanuttee and Cassumbuzar in the four preceding months before the said Balance was charged to his acco^{t}: all but 135 rupees, and he doeth alledge that the said balance was so charged by M^{r}: Peachy because the silver had been consigned to M^{r}: Peachie, but the rupees coined and remitted by M^{r}: Braddyll, therefore M^{r}: Peachie would not bring them into his acco^{t}: but charged them to M^{r}: Braddyll, who doeth allso produce an acco^{t}: Currant signed by M^{r}: John [Beard] dated the 14th: March 169$\frac{5}{6}$, wherein the said Balance of 135 rupees is charged to his account & acknowledged by the Agent to be received, so that there doth appear no reason to question but M^{r}: Braddyll hath discharged the whole debt.

The warehousekeeper reports the examination of three Bales of Broad cloth and one Bale Perpetuanoes received by ship Sedgwicke Viz^{t}: That the ship Damage of Bale 616 is Pag^{s}: 10. Bale 455 Pags: 3. and 181^{s} thô Invoiced to contain twenty Perpetuanoes contained no more then seventeen Pieces. The said report is ordered to be Entred after this Consultation and the Pag^{s}: 13 ship Dammage to be charged to y^{e}: acco^{t}: Owners of ship Sedgwick, and the three p^{s}: Perpetuanoes wanting to acco^{t}: Cur^{t}: London.

The Tobacco farmers pay into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s}: Cash Pag^{s}: 241 : 24. fanams on that account for one month Ending the 16th: Instant.

M^{r}: William Fraser storekeeper read his account of stores for the month of November last and M^{r}: Matthew Empson Land Customer pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{s} Cash Pag^{s}: 382, and read his acco^{t} of Land Customs for the month of November particulars Viz^{t}:.

Choultry Custome	Pag^{s}	63 : 27 : 25.
Triblecane Custom	„	— : — : 50.
Rubie Brokers	„	9 : 18 : 58.
Cloth Brokers	„	9 : 31 : 63.
Fines	„	... : 18 : ...
New Town Rents	„	300 : ... : ...
	Pag	383 : 24 : 36

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Woota Lingua pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{e}: Cash Pag^{s}: 630, for Rice and Paddy sold Viz^{t}:

November—Rice—6 gar: 101 m. at 8 mer per p^{a}: ...	Pag^{s}:	312 : 22 : 40:
Nov^{r} & Dec^{r} – Paddy—10 : 390 at sev^{ll} prices ...	„	276 : 13 : ...
June—Paddy—2—not bro^{t}: to acc^{t}: till now ...	„	41 : ... : 40.
	Pag^{s}:	630 : ... : ...

The paper mentioned in the Consultation of the 10th: Instant relating to M^{r}: Fraser having been ℘used by each of the Councill, and notes made by the Governour on M^{r}: Frasers paper dated 28th: Novemb^{r}: now read, each of the Councill being desired to give their opinions upon the whole matter so far as hath fallen within their observation or knowledge. M^{r}: Fraser doth thereupon declare that the Govern^{r}: is partial having a great prejudice against him, and that he knows the grounds from whence it doeth arrise, but will not declare it now. That M^{r}: Styleman &c^{a}: that were made of Councill here are biassed more to the Governour then to him, and that by the same reason the Govern^{r}: might turne out all the Councill one after another. That he hath appealed to the Company who have declared themselves the sole Judges of objections and exceptions made by any of their Councill.

The Letters received from the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Comp^{a}: from the year 1687 to 1694 were delivered to M^{r}: Fraser that he may find the Paragraphs of the severall letters w^{ch}: he referrs too, against the next Consultation day.

NAT: HIGGINSON. R. BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN. CHA: BARWELL.
WILL: FRASER. THO: WRIGHT.
FRNCIS: ELLIS. M: EMPSON.

Serapa the Chiefe Merchant tooke his Passage upon a Boat for Fort S^{t}: David 17
in order to y^{e}: Settling the businesee of the Investment there and at Worriarpollam.

The Examination of three Bales of Broad cloth rec^{d}: by the Sedgwick and [18TH]
examined in the Godown this 14th: December 1696.

No. 616 Contained peices as ℘ Invoice.

Two halfe peices moth eaten, the outside Buckrams rotten being concluded to be ship Dammage to the value of Ten Pag^{s}

472. Aurora peices 6 moth eaten, but the Buckrams sound and good therefore cannot be esteemed ship Damage, but to proceed from ill cureing.

455. Aurora peices one ship damage to the value of three Pag^{s}: Do peices 5 moth eaten, the Buckrams sound & good occasioned by ill cureing.

Opened and examined in the presence of the warehousekeeper and us.

ALEXANDER DENNETT.
THOMAS LOVELL.
Fort S^{t}: George 14th: Dec^{r}: 1696. JOHN HUTCHINSON.

This is to certifie that at the opening of the bale of Long ell Perpetuanoes No. 1 there was found no more then seventeen peices, thô Invoiced to contain twenty peices, and the Bales appear never to have been opened since the Package in England, the Bale is found to contain severall Colours Viz^{t}: seven greens; four blacks, one Red, one Purple, one Lead Colour, two buffe colours, one ash Colour.

Opened in the presence of

ALEXANDER DENNETT.
THOMAS LOVELL.
JOHN HUTCHINSON.

Sloop Rama Chundry Piamea Nocqueda from Balasore bound to this place, 19
having over shott it, came to an anchor about a League to the Southward.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dated the 16 Instant 20
&c^{a}: papers as ℘ List.

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MONDAY 21ST

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R} LIEUTENANT GENERALL OF INDIA
M^{R} : JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R} : WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R} : FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R} : ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R} : CHARLES BARWELL M^{R} : THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R} : MATTHEW EMPSON

M^{r} : William Fraser warehousekeeper pays into the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Company's Cash Pag^{s} : one Thousand on acco^{t} : goods sold.

Ordered that Pag^{s} : ffive hundred be paid to M^{r} : John Wright Paymaster for defraying Garrison charges.

M^{r} : John Foquett having produced a Quitt Rent Roll for the year 1696 ending in September last amounting to Pag^{s} : 1577 : 6 fanams. It is ordered that he proceed in the collection thereof, and y^{e} : scavengers Duty formerly granted to the Corporation for two years expireing the last of this month. It is allso ordered that M^{r} : Foquett do collect and undertake the scavengers Duty, and because there hath been many complaints of the poor people it is referred and recommended to M^{r} : Foquett to abate or remitt that collection from the poorer sort of people as he shall see cause Viz^{t} : such as he believes are not able to pay. That in his acco^{t} : Currant he Debts himselfe for the whole amount of the scavengers Duty, and Credit himselfe by such abatements and the charges of cleaning the streets &c^{a} : and by one Hundred Pag^{s} : a year allowed him out of the over plus of the scavengers Duty. It being supposed that none would undertake that troublesome businesse without prospect of a gaine equal to that which will allso be some encouragement to proceed chearfully in the other troublesome businesse of the Quitt Rent, wherein he hath approved himselfe for three years past Diligent, industrious and faithfull and seems to be the most proper person for that imploy,

In persuance of the Consultation dated the 17th : Instant, M^{r} : Fraser produces a quotation of Paragraphs of severall Letters from the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Company Viz^{t} :

To ffort S^{t} : George dat : 22^{d} October 86 Par : 5th : & 12th :
3 August 87 par :—4.
28 September 87—3, 22, 34 & 59.
12 October 87—13.
27 August 88—16.

To Bombay 3^{d} August 87 relating to S^{r} : John Wybornes &c^{a}.

To Bencoolen 3^{d} : August 87 relating to M^{r} : Potts, which Paragraphs or any other that M^{r} : Fraser shall produce, the Secretary is ordered to Extract, so far as relates to the present purpose, that a Copy thereof may be remitted to the Generall to whome it has been formerly ordered that all the Papers be sent.

The Governour desireing the rest of the Councill to give their opinions upon the severall Papers &c^{a} : that have passed between M^{r} : Fraser and him. Mr. Fraser doth now repeat his declaration that the Governor is prejudiced (whereof he knows the ground & will make it appear when time serves) that three of the Councill are strangers, and that the other three are obliged to the Govern^{r}.

The Lieutenant Generall doeth thereupon possitively require of M^{r} : Fraser to forrbear reflecons of that nature for the future. M^{r} : Fraser doeth instantly repeat, I have said and will make it appear when time serves that you have a prejudice against me. Thus doth he slight a reproofe.

M^{r} : Wright, M^{r} : Barwell and M^{r} : Styleman having been longest of Councill do now produce their opinions in writeing (as entered after this Consultation) which were read.

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Allso a Letter from President Hatsell this day received. Dated the 18th: Instant, in answer to ours dated the 11th: Instant, wth: the Papers sent him relating to Mr: Fraser, and his opinion thereupon, as Entered after this Consultation. [21sr]

Generall Letter to the Rt: Honble: Compa: Dated this day read, to be sent via Bengall.

NATH: HIGGINSON. CHA: BARWELL.
Jo: STYLEMAN. THO: WRIGHT.
FRANCIS ELLIS. M: EMPSON.
R. BRADDYLL.

I am heartily sorry it should be my misfortune to be present at so many quarels that has happened, and occasioned by Mr: William Frasers often repeated unbecoming language and carriage to the Honble: Lt: Generall which arrived to that degree, that I declared in Consultation without Mr: Fraser would demean himselfe more civilly I could no longer sitt there, it being ridiculous for any civil government to have such reflecting and endless disputes amongst them, wch: will appear in the severall Consultations, tho' must own there is not halfe inserted in any of them that might have been. Mr: Fraser having shewn himselfe all along very disrespectfull to the Honble: Lieutenant Generall and most of the Councill and authority lessened by his ill practises, in consideration whereof I doe acquies wth: the Honble: Lieut: Generall's opinion, that it is not consistant with the Rt: Honble: Comps: affairs for him to act wth: us in Councill. However I am of opinion that this whole matter be referred to his Excellency the Generall of India, and wait for his answer and order. Dated in Fort St: George the sixteenth day of December 1696.

THOs: WRIGHT.

Altho' it was my good fortune to be absent when the greatest heats were between the Honble: Lieutenant Generall &ca: Councill and Mr: Fraser, Yet have had time and oppertunity enough to observe Mr: Frasers contentious manner of debateing at our Consultation where his cavilling contradicting humour do's raise groundlesse and impertinent scruples & objections against almost everything that is proposed, especially if by the Honble: Lieutenant Generall wch: does much obstruct the Rt: Honble: Comps: businesse & seem to proceed from an inveterate prejudice he has conceived against the Honble: Lt: Generall, wch: too often breakes out into slighting & disrespectfull expressions and reflections, by which and other indiscreet significations of his disgust of the mannagement of affairs he is generally known to be a disaffected person, therefore it is no wonder if other persons of the like spirit doe addresse themselves to him and he as partially becomes their advocate or Patron, a perticular instance whereof in my opinion is, his passionately and zealousely espousing the interest of Narran and Timapa. When lookt upon by the Lieutenant Generall &ca: Councill as ill Instruments and enemies to the peace & welfare of the Place, and I wish his known inclination to that party prove not of ill consequence it being an encouragement to factions to have a person in power so much as esteemed their Head. For a further accounnt of what passed relating to Mr: Fraser of which I have any cognisance doe referr to the severall Consultations signed by me wch: are fairly and impartially stated.

CHARLES BARWELL.

It is my opinion that Mr: Fraser has been very much to blame for his disrespectfull carriage to the Honble: Governour, and all or most of the Councill and for his neglecting to take notice of many necessary orders of Consultation relateing to him both as judge and warehousekeeper; and for his so unreasonably taking the part of Timapa & Narrain and their accomplices, on all occasions, both in and out of conceit, certainly doth animate that party in their suspected evill practises against this Government (I say suspected because 'tis difficult to give possitive proofe of things of that nature, till many times 'tis too late to find a remedy) and Mr: Fraser notwithstanding the frequent admonition given him

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[21ST] persisting in these his practyses. I doe acquiesce in the opinion of the Honble: Lieutenant Generall, that 'tis not consistant with the respectability of this Government, that he continue to act with us in Councill till he give satisfaction and promise of a better behaviour for the future, and that this matter be remitted to His Excellency the Generall of India for his direction therein.

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DECR: 1696.

JOHN STYLEMAN.

TO THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQRE: LIEUT:
GENERALL OF INDIA &C: COUNCILL AT FORT ST: GEORGE.

May it please Yor: Honr: &ca:

I received yours of the 11th: Instant wth: the severall Papers therein mentioned, wch: I now returne having perused them, and since your Honr: &ca: require an Acct: of what I know or did observe, as allso my opinion relating to Mr: Fraser to which said Papers have reference, I humbly offer the following.

Being in Madrasse from the 20th: April to the 12th: June 1694, and in August 1694 and from the 30th: November 1695, to the 22nd: January following, at wch: times I was one of the Justices Assistants, & thereby very conversant wth: Mr: Fraser, I did perticularly observe he was disaffected towards Presidt: Higginson in misconstrueing or misapplying wtt: ever he said or did, which was visible both in and out of Consultations, it appearing to me unreasonable and the product of an ill Principle, wch: of consequence would be prejudicial to the common Interest of our Masters. I endeavoured when alone and as occasion offerred to convince him of the evil of it, wch: Mr: Fraser cannot but remember, and that I told him, thô himselfe and the rest of the Councill were in the right in opposeing the illegal ꝑceedings of the late President Yale, yet he was now directly in the wrong to undervalue and scandalize Presidt: Higginson, who as he was really well qualified so he was sincere in designeing the true interest of the Rt: Honble: Company, who do require that those of Councill should support & strengthen the hands of the President.

And whereas Mr: Fraser doth insinuate sevll: times in his paper, that the effect of the Honble: Lieut: Genlls: proceedings is from prejudice, I cannot but looke upon it as a further malicious reflection, and doe solemnly declare I never did observe that his Honr: Higginson had ever any prejudice against Mr: Fraser; but on the contrary did wth: great patience bear and hear the many abuses given by him, and that I believe the onely reason why the Lieutenant Generall has proceeded publickly in this matter was to prevent such pernicious consequences to the Rt: Honble: Companys affairs, which is natural to conclude would follow, whilest Mr: Fraser persisted in his ill practises, and 'tis apparent he doth not reforme, neither regarding the admonitions given to him nor those entered in Consultation, nor the advice of severall of Councill, for his own words in his exceptions to Consultations and his Papers demonstrate he is maliciously bent agst: the Honble: Lieutenant Generall and such of Councill which (from a good principle) adhere to him.

Upon the whole my opinion is that the practises of Mr: Fraser are unsufferable, tending towards factions in the Government and proceed from a sinister designe and whilest he is so affected is unfitt to act in the Councill of Madrasse, wch: wth: due submission I referr to the determination of his Excy: Sr: John Gayre Genell: of India, as also to your Honr: &ca: Beseeching God to direct & bless the affairs of the Rt: H. Compa: under your mannagement. I am.

Honble: Sr: &ca:

Fort St: David the 18th: Decr: 1696.

Your Humble: Servant
WILLIAM HATSELL.

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ATT A CONSULTATION WEDNESDAY 23RD

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Generall Letters to Bengall, Vizagapatam and to the Chief and Councill of Balasore all dated this day read and approved.

NATH: HIGGINSON. R. BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN. CHA: BARWELL.
WILL: FRASER. THO: WRIGHT.
FFRANCIS ELLIS. M. EMPSON.

24. Dispatched the above mentioned Letters allso a Genll: Letter to the Rt: Honble: Company dated 21st: Instant, to be sent by the Agent &ca on Ship Fleet frigot.

27. Ship Conimere Merchant Thomas Lasse Master arrived in this road from Acheen and brought a Generall Letter from Mr: William Soame Resident there no date.

27. The Governr: recd: a Letter from Governr: Pitt dated 30/20 Inst: wth: a Letter from Capt: James Thwaites Commander of Ship King William dated the 18th: November last from Trincomala, wth: a Narrative of the Damages sustained by a storme he mett wth: the 26th: of October.

ATT A CONSULTATION MONDAY 28TH.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUTENT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

A Generall Letter from Capt: James Thwaites Comandr: of Ship King William dated 18th: November last from Trincomala wth: a Narrative of a storme was read wherein an accot: is given that on the 26th: October last in the night, they mett wth: so greate a storme as carried their main-mast by the board wch: drawing away the Lee chains and dead Eyes made holes in the ships side at which the water poured in till they had Eight foot water in the hold, and the goods [on the] Leeward side being water soak't made the shipp along, and when turned the other way kept her upon an evenkeel, But the Powder room being full of water and the ship goeing downe by the head, they cutt away the foremast, hove over Cables, Anchors and Guns, and staved their freshwater, and after the storme was over there fell a calme and a strong Currant to the southward wch: carried them to Trincomala, having lost all their Masts, Rigging, Cables, Anchors and sails at Yard.

Where the Dutch promise all assistance they can (and Governour Pitt allso in his Letter promisses the like) and have appointed an Island for the ship. But there is no house, which they are building for security of the goods, nor Inhabitant to assist in the washing of the cloth, nor doeth the Place afford necessaries for the fitting the shipp, and therefore the ship must lye there unlesse we supply them which he desires us to send by a Vessell Vizt:

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All manner of Cordage great and small for Rigging fore and aft.
Two of the largest cables in the Godowne.
Spare Coils of rope from 5 inch to Ratline for running Rigging.
The largest Masts and Yards of Ships lately lost.
Two Anchors of 22tt and 27tt.
Europe or Bengall Canvass to make a whole suit of sails.
Fifteen Portuguez Seamen to be hired on the best terms we can for the voyage.

In the meanetime he intends to employ their hands in manageing the dammaged Goods, the condition whereof he doth not know not having broke Bulke, but fears that all or the greatest part of the Saltpetre is washed away.

Hee desires us to send him Bills of Creditt for so much as he shall want, for which and what money we send him and charges, he offers to give Bills on ye: Owners to be paid as other ships, and questions not but that it is as safe as other Shipps.

Hee allso insinuates that the Company hath a quarter part of his Ship.

This being the substance of Captain Thwaites Letter and request. In order to the better resolveing and proceeding upon this affair, Capt: Dennett, Capt: Metcalfe, Capt: Herron, Capt: How and Capt: Brooke being sent for, the Letter and Narrative received from Capt: Thwaites was deliverd to them, and they were desired to give us their opinions upon the four following questions.

1. What is your opinions concerning ye: conditions of the ship and goods.
2. Whether the ship may proceed for Europe till surveyed, considering the dammage she may have suffered by their setting upon the Rocke at Galle and now by this storme.
3. Whether the ship can be sufficiently furnished and refitted at Trincomala and by what meanes.
4. Whether the Stores of Madrasse may be sufficient for the ships supply.

Whereunto they returned answer as Entred after this Consultation.

Debated upon all the circumstances of this accident and came to severall resolves, but being a businesse of great concern and difficulty. Resolved to referr the further consideration of the whole till tomorrow morng: In the mean time, It is ordered that Mr: Fraser, Mr: Wright and Mr: Empson doe make provision for buying of such stores as Capt: Thwaites hath wrote for & for hireing a vessell or two sufficient to bring 4 or 500 Bales from Trincomala.

Generall Letters from the Agent & Councill Bengll: dated the primo & 9th: Instant now recd by a Moors Ship, read giveing an acct: of the progresse of the Rebell Rajahs fforces, and of the ffleet frigots arrivall from the West Coast.

Generall Letter to his Excellency the Generall & Councill at Bombay dated the 26th: Instant & this day and to ye: Govr: and Councill at Fort St: David and to the Comodore & Councill at Anjengo dated the 26th: Instant read and approved.

Mr: Charles Barwell Sea Customer read his acct: of Sea Customs for ye: month of Novr: last, particulars Vizt:

To Custom of Goods Imported & Exported this mo: ...	P. 32: 22: 20
To Custom on Grain	10: 32: 80
	Pags: 43: 19: ...

NATH: HIGGINSON.	R: BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN.	CHA: BARWELL.
WILL: FRASER.	THO: WRIGHT.
FRANCIS: ELLIS.	M: EMPSON.

May it please your Honr: &ca:

According to your Honr: &ca: desire wee whose names are underwritten, having duely considered on the severall proposalls relating to the misfortunes of

the Ship King William Capt: James Thwaites Commandr: now at Trincomalay on Zeilon.

As to the first proposall concerning the state of the Ships Hull, we are not able to give any judgement of the dammages unlesse we were upon the Place to survey it, as to the Cargo we believe it to be very much damaged, and the Saltpetre to be all or most part washed away.

To the second proposall wee doe conclude it absolutely necessary that there be a survey upon her before she proceed on her voyage for Europe.

To the third. It is our Judgement that the ship cannot be sufficiently supplyed at Trincomalay and therefore doe advise the sending such stores as the Captain writes for, and what else can be thought of wch: the Capt: in hast might omitt, that can be procured here.

To the fourth. It is our Judgements according to the Catologue of the stores deliver'd us, and what else may be procured in Madrasse, that here is Cordage enough and likewise masts and Yards, tho not in ℘portion yet may be made sufficient to sail her for Englad:

But for anchors none here fitting for her, but doe suppose they may be procured either at Negapatam or Columbo. Wee are

Yor: Honr: &ca: Humble: Servants,

CHARLES METCALFE.
GEORGE HERRON.
WILLIAM BROOKE.
WILLIAM HOW.
ALEXANDR: DENNETT.

ATT A CONSULTATION — TUESDAY 29TH.

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENLL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN — MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: FRANCIS ELLIS — MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL — MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATTHEW EMPSON

Generall Letter from the Governr: & Councill of York Fort Dated the 3rd: September last ℘ Fleet frigot via Bengall, and now received from thence by a Moors ship (wth: the severall other papers according to List) read.

As to the Ship King William it is considered. That the ship is Dispatched from hence full Laden for Europe, and the managemt: of ye: Shipp by sailing orders committed to the Commr: for the voyage. But the ship being by this accident under an incapacity of proceeding, and ye: Commandr: requireing our assistance, still in India within our reach, we ought to contribute our utmost assistance wherein we ought in the first place to consult the security and Interest of the Cargo, and then the Interest of a Charterparty Ship, so far as is subservient to or consistent with the interest of the cargo, and so far as our Orders or the Custom in like cases, or the extraordinary necessity of this Case will warrant us.

That if the Ship be fitted at Trincomala and proceed from thence directly for Europe, So as to save her Passage this monsoon, the conveniency of the Dispatch would countervail all ye: charges of vessells, could it be done wth: any security of ye: Cargo. But the damage the ship hath sustained as well in this storme as formerly, thô unknown, yet may justly render the strength of ye: ship suspected, and the losse of her masts, yards, sails, Cables, Anchors, Guns, Amunition &ca: stores is so considerable, that there is reason to doubt whether the ship can be supplyed in India with what is necessary for such a ship and such a voyage by Charterparty or at least in so short a time as ffebruary. For which reason it is necessary that the ship do not proceed further on her voyage till repaired and surveyed, and we have nobody at Trincomala to survey her.

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Thô it doth not yet appear how many Bales are damaged, yet by the Depth of water in the Hold and the ships Lyeing along, there is great reason to believe that a considerable part of them are dammaged and in such manner, that if they goe home without rewashing & recuring the R^t: Hon^{ble}: Company may loose more in the value of their produce in England then the value of the ship. Therefore there is a neccessity of their being rewashed which cannot be done at Trincomala, thô Cap^t: Thwaites doth seem by his Letters to designe it and therefore must be brought hither.

And in that case the ship must goe home so much empty, or the bales after washing be returned, or others in their stead. But by that time a ship hath gone to Trincomala and come backe (against the winds) w^{th}: the bales, y^e: winds may begin to shift, so as to make the returne of a ship to Trincomala tedious & uncertaine so that after all endeavours used for dispatching the ship directly from Trincomalay, there is no assurance nor much probability that y^e: same can be effected time enough to save her monsoon.

Besides the Commander adviseth that all or most of the saltpetre is washed away, but he makes no demand of other Kintilage in its [stead] and therefore probable that he designes to make up that defect with stones, at w^{ch}: rate the ship would goe home above one hundred Tons Dead freighted.

It being doubtlesse our duty to disburse what is necessary for the preservation of the Cargo from further dammage, It is resolved that a vessell be w^{th}: the greatest expedition sent to Trincomala, to demand and bring hither the dammaged bales in order to their being rewashed.

As to the furnishing Cap^t: Thwaites w^{th}: all that he wants for the repair and refitting of his ship. It is considered that we are not under any obligation to disburse more of the ships use in y^e: ordinary course then the two thousand Dollars mentioned in Charterparty, w^{ch}: hath beeu allready paid.

That in this extraordinary case, we ought to consult the joint interest of the R^t: H. Company and Owners in such manner as is conform [to] the Generall reason of the Charterparty contract whereby the Owners are obliged to keep the ship throughout the whole voyage in a condition fitt for such a voyage in all respects, and that we may disburse what is necessary (and cannot otherwise be supplyed) provided the Company can but be secured from losse, in case the ship either proves at Last so defective as not to be capable of proceeding or in case of her miscarriage in the voyage.

Cap^t: Thwaites Letter is not a sufficient security, he only offering Bills upon the Owners as other ship's pay, which he intends, or may if he pleases construe to be upon the bottom of the ship.

It is upon the whole, resolved that some of the Companys servants be sent to Trincomala to demand the whole Cargo of Cap^t: Thwaites, in order to its being brought hither, and offer him y^t: when he brings his ship to us here or in Bengall fitt for survey, to receive a Lading & [prosecute] a voyage for England, wee will accept of her as in the Companys service by Charterparty and provide for her Lading.

That they receive from him and his Officers an $acco^t$: of the present condition of the ship, and a compute of the charges of repairing her, and if there shall appear a probability of effecting the repair, and that the charges thereof will not amount to above the sum̃e of Pag^s: six thousand—That they offer to supply him w^{th}: all the stores procurable, and money to that amount, upon condition that he give bills on the owners for the same without risgo, and at such advance as the R^t: Hon^{ble}: Company and the Owners shall agree, and allso give his own bond as further security.

And because we cannot tell whether Captain Thwaites shall as soone as the bottom of y^e: ship shall be secured and repaired by Carreening at Trincomala, find cause to come hither or Bengall for finishing the masting, Rigging and Provision of stores, and it may be necessary in order to such his proceeding that he be

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immediately furnished wth: some masting, Rigging, Cables, Anchors, &c^{a}: It is therefore resolved that such stores as are necessary for that purpose be forthwith provided & bought by M^{r}: Fraser, M^{r}: Wright and M^{r}: Empson, taking the advice of Cap^{t}: Alexander Dennett, M^{r}: William How and the Gunner, and sent by the Vessell or Vessells designed to be sent to bring away the Dammaged bales.

Ordered that one thousand Pagd^{s}: be paid to M^{r}: William Fraser for the buying of such stores the acc^{t}: whereof to be kept under the head of the owners of ship King William.

This being a businesse of great concernment and difficulty, It is resolved that one of this Councill do proceed to Trincomala and M^{r}: Charles Barwell is unanimously chosen.

Ordered that M^{r}: Thomas Wigmore Secretary and M^{r}: Thomas Lovell doe accompany him and that they act as Chiefe and Councill in this affair.

Ordered that M^{r}: Stephen Frewen do officiate as Secretary in the absence of M^{r}: Wigmore.

NAT : HIGGINSON. R : BRADDYLL.
JO : STYLEMAN. CHA : BARWELL.
WILL : FRASER. THO : WRIGHT.
FFRANCIS : ELLIS. M : EMPSON.

Dispatched Generall Letters to the Gov^{r}: & Councill of Fort S^{t}: David and to the Commodore and Councill at Anjengo, In the latter was Inclosed a Generall Letter to his Excellency the Generall of India &c^{a}: Councill at Bombay, all dated the 26th: Instant. 29

Briggantine Acheen Merchant Richard Phripp Master from the West Coast Sumatra, having laine severall days in sight to the southward came into the road. 31

ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 31.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUT: GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATTHEW EMPSON

Ordered that the following Bills of Exchange Drawn by the Governour and Councill of York Fort as advised in their Generall Letter dated the 3rd: September last, be paid at the rate of 17 Dollars for Ten Pag^{s}: Vizt.

One Bill dated the p^{mo}: September 6 to M^{r}: John Styleman for Dollars	...1000 :	Pa: 588 : 8 : 3
One Bill of ditto date to the Lieutent^{t}: Generall	... 134 :	78 : 29 : 4
One Bill of ditto date to M : Jn^{o}: Affleck	... 898 :	528 : 8 : 3
One Bill of ditto date to M^{r}: Rich^{d}: Elliott	... 968 :	569 : 14 : 5
One Bill of d^{o}: date to Senh^{r}: Alvar^{o}: d Fonseca.	236 :	138 : 29 : 4
One Bill dat^{d}: 1st: Sep^{t}: to M^{rs}: Ann Delgarno ...	200 :	117 : 23 : 1
And one Bill dated 12th: October paya^{ble}: to Cap : Richard Phrip	... 3479	Pa : 2046 : 16 : 5
Doll^{rs} :	6915	Pa : 4067 : 23 : 1

Drawn by the Chief and Councill at [P]riamong, as advised in their Generall Letter dated the 12th: October 1696, now received by Brigantine Acheen Merch^{t}: also a Generall Letter from York Fort dated the 14th: September 1696 read.

Raja Chocee Bosar the son of Raja Macoota comeing upon the Briggantine, sent as an Embassod^{r}: by Sultan Guillimot, Raja Addyll and Raja Maccoota comeing ashore was received wth: 7 Guns. Hee delivered four letters from them.

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It is agreed that he be treated w^th: respect, and that a house be provided for him, and suitable provision and necessaries w^ch: the Paymaster is ordered to furnish him w^th: and charge it to acco^t: Priaman Settlement Brigantine Acheen Merchant having imported from the West Coast about 250 Candy of Pepper and 26 Candy of Benjamin. It is resolved that all the said pepper and Benjamin be bought of the Owners Vizt.

The Benjamin at the rate of Pag^s: ninety ℔ Candy, if equal to the goodnesse of the parcell bought of them the last year, according to our contract w^th: them in Consultation 25^th: May last and the Pepper if good and Merchantable at the rate of Pag^s: 21½ ℔ Candy if the Owners will [accept] of said price.

And it is ordered that the warehousekeeper do receive the said Benjamin and Pepper into the R^t: Hon^ble: Comp^s: Godowne by weight, as the same comes ashore.

Ordered that Ensigne Taylor who with M^r: Friths leave came by this Brigantine for the recovery of his health, and then to returne to the West Coast, have his Diett at the Generall Table dureing his stay, and the Doct^r: is Ordered to take care of his health, M^r: Frith adviseing he hath been an usefull man, and desireing he may returne.

Nat : Higginson.	R : Braddyll.
Jo : Styleman.	Cha : Barwell.
Will : Fraser.	Tho : Wright.
Ffrancis : Ellis.	M : Empson.

31 Letters and Travellers that came from the Kings Camp [15] days past, advise that the King is by reason of a Plague w^ch: had destroyed 95000 men removed w^th: his Camp to Collaburriga standing in the midst between Vissapore and Golconda. That Sultan Eckbar is come with an army from Persia on this side Candahar, upon w^ch: the King hath sent orders to Shaw Allum to [stop] his further proceeding, and hath Order'd Dider [Bux] to Chingee, and Zulphaker Cawn to follow after Santogee into the Mizore Countrey, in pursuance of w^ch: Zulphaker Cawn is allready gone as far as Punnigunda 50 Leagues distance from hence.

31. This evening M^r: Robert Cranwell sett out for Fort St. David, by whom sent a Generall Letter to President Hatsell dated this day.

Friday, January [℔mo]

Att a Consultation Extraord^ry

Present

The Hon^ble: Nath^l: Higginson Esq^r: Lieut: Gen^ll: of India

M^r: John Styleman	M^r: William Fraser
M^r: Francis Ellis	M^r: Roger Braddyll
M^r: Charles Barwell	M^r: Thomas Wright

M^r: Matthew Empson

M^r: Barwell alledgeing that he finds his goeing to Trincomola will be a great prejudice to him, w^ch: he was not so sensible of before. and it being thereupon put to the vote whether he might be excused, or not, It is by majority resolved in the affirmative.

It is thereupon resolved that M^r: Ellis proceed in his roome which he accepted.

Ordered that scales, weights, Gunnys, Rope and Twine and four Packers be sent by the first ship for Trimcomala.

Nat : Higginson.	R : Braddyll.
Jo : Styleman.	Cha : Barwell.
Will : Fraser.	Tho : Wright.
Ffrancis : Ellis.	M : Empson.

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Received a Generall Letter from Fort St. David dated 29th: past which [3RD.]
mentions to have sent 60 fan^{s}: and two Pag^{s}: inclosed but was omitted.

Shipp Loyall Captaine Cap^{t}: Armiger Gostlin Commd^{r}: and Ketch Josia 5
arrived from Mallacca haveing been forced theither by contrary winds when they sailed out from Acheen on the 11th: August last for this place.

Att a Consultation

TUESDAY 5

Present

The Hon^{BLE}: Nath^{LL}: Higginson Esq^{R}: Lieut. Gen^{LL}: of India
M^{R}: John Styleman M^{R}: William Fraser
M^{R}: Francis Ellis M^{R}: Roger Braddyll
M^{R}: Charles Barwell M^{R}: Thomas Wright
M^{R}: Mathew Empson

Ordered that of the Chest of Dollers received ℘ ship Sedgwick, that 1,500 Dollers bee sold at the rate of 17 Dollers ℘ 10 Pag^{s}: by tale; and that the rest be delivered to the mint to bee coyned Vizt. 200 Oz. in[. . .] fannam's for the West Coast, and the rest in Rupees.

Ordered that Antony Siboa bee entertained as a Souldier in this Garrison for two years.

M^{r}: Thomas Wright Paymaster read his Paymast^{rs}: aco^{t}: for the month of Novemb^{r}: last ℘ticulers Vizt.

Charges Garrison	P: 884: 24:
Charges Generall	448: 20:
Garrison Stores	24: 27:
Charges Extraord^{ry}:	8: 8:
Charg's Marchandize	131: 13:
Charg's Cattle	41: 33:
Charg's Dyett	278: 33:
Fort St. David	7: 24:
Egmore &^{ca}: new Towns	18:
Fortifications & repairs	32: 17:
Vizagapatam Factory	2: 7:
Pag^{s}:	[. . .]: 8:

Agreed with Cap^{t}: Robert Masen for the Brigantine and Acheen Marchant at 150 Pag^{s}: ℘ meñ to proceed for Trincomalay.

The Lieut. Generall read his acco^{t}: of the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companys Cash, the Ballance being Pag^{s}: 18 699 : 31 : 2 : w^{ch}: was examined.

M^{r}: Thom^{s}: Wigmore produceth an acco^{t}: of the money Rec^{d}: and paid by him, for acco^{t}: of the Talliars duty ending the 31st: December. Ballance whereof is Pag^{s}: 1782 : 23 : 3 : which was examined and delivered to M^{r}: Frewen.

Agreed with M^{r}: John Styleman for the Syrian Marchant at 130 Pag^{s}: ℘ meñ : tó proceed for Trincomalay, and to commence from this day.

The Paymaster alsoe reports of an agreement made with twelve Lascars, for a Raft of Masts Yards &^{ca}: to proceed for Trincomalay, at one month & a halfe wages Imprest.

Ordered that the Warehouskeeper cause y^{e}: Stor's &^{ca}: provided for the use of shipp King William to bee Laden some on the Syrian Marchant, now ready to take them in, and the rest on the Acheen Marchant so soon as she shall be ready.

Nat : Higginson.	R : Braddyll.
Jo : Styleman.	Cha : Barwell.
Will : Fraser.	Tho : Wright.
ffrancis : Ellis.	M : Empson.

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6th : Received a Generall Letter from Fort St. David datd : 2 Instant, inclosed in wch : came the sixty fannams and two Pags : omitted to bee sent with theirs dat : 29th : past.

WEDNESDAY 6TH

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAODRY

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR : LIEUT.-GENELL : OF INDIA
MR : JOHN STYLEMAN MR : WILLIAM FRASER
MR : FRANCIS ELLIS MR : ROGER BRADDYLL
MR : CHARLES BARWELL MR : THOMAS WRIGHT
MR : MATHEW EMPSON

The Councill mett to veiw the Pepper bought of the Owners of the Brigantine Acheen Marchant, the Warehouskeepr complaining it was too Dusty, and it was agreed with Capt Phrip that hee deliver the Pepper garbled, and to receive [. . .] Pags : ℘ Candy.

Resolved the Ketch Josiah doe proceed for Bombay and Surrat as advised the Generall &ca : in our last letter, and that the following Bill bee set up at the sea Gate.

The Ketch Josiah is designed to depart for Bombay and Surat in 8 (or) 10 days, they that are inclined to Lade Goods on ffreight may repair to Mr : Barwell, and agree with him according to the usuall rates.

Mr : Barwell is ordered not to agree or ingage for the delivery of any Goods at Surat, untill hee hath a prospect of a ffreight that will answere her proceeding thither.

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
FRANCIS : ELLIS.
R : BRADDYLL.
CHA : BARWELL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M : EMPSON.

THURSDAY 7TH

ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HONBLE : NATHLL : HIGGINSON ESQR : LIEUT.-GENELL : OF INDIA
MR : JOHN STYLEMAN MR : WILLIAM FRASER
MR : FRANCIS ELLIS MR : ROGER BRADDYLL
MR : CHARLES BARWELL MR : THOMAS WRIGHT
MR : MATHEW EMPSON

There presenting no considerable ffreight for Surat upon the Josiah Ketch, ordered that Mr : Barwell take care that those to whome the goods now aboard belong doe unlade them with all expedition, continueing onely such Cannasters of sugar as the owners are content to bee delivered at Bombay which may serve for kentilage and as soon as she is unladen the Warehousekeeper doe cause the stores and necessary's formerly ordered to bee provided for Anjango to be Laden on the ketch, and that the ketch doe as soon as possibly she can bee dispatched proceed for Anjango with the said stores, and tenn Topaz souldiers and Brickleyers where she may take in her Ladeing of Pepper and proceed for Bombay. And the Paymaster is ordered to provide a Master, Mate, Boatswain, and Lascars sufficient to sail her.

Ordered that one thousand Pags : bee paid to Mr : Thomas Wright Paymastr : to defray charges Garrison.

There being little Salt Petre in the Godowne and no prospect of receiving any from Bengall this year, unlesse some of the Rt : Honble : Companys expected

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shipping the Sidney and Madrasse Marchant shall arrive there time enough which is uncertain (the Sampson who came [out] of England before the Sedgwick being not yet arrived here and it cannot bee forseen by us how long the other shipp may be detained inEngland after the Sampson) and if they should not arrive wee should be y^{n}: destitute of Salt-Petre for the Kintilageing of the King William or any other shipp till December or January next, and the owner of Shipp Loyall Captaine by the Lieut: Generall offering to lett their shipp proceed for Bengall to fetch Salt-Petre referring the termes to the Council.

It is resolved and agreed that the shipp bee unladen with all expedition, and that the sea Customer doe assist with as many Boats as can bee spared.

That within three days' after unladeing there bee Laden upon her so many Rupees as shall then bee bought or coyned or so many as shall then be thought convenient to Lade at the rate of 5/8 ℘ Cent ffreight, and that the shipp bee then ready to proceed with the first oppertunity of wind for Chuttenutta where the Agent and Councill within five days after her arrivall are to Lade upon her two thousand Baggs of Salt-Petre or so many more as the master shall think fit to take in, for which on the delivery of said Salt-Petre here the Owners are to receive 25 ℘ Cent ffreight, and that within four days after the salt-Petre is Laden the Master shall upon the Dispatch of the Agent & Councill, and so soon as winds permitte, sail for Madrasse and not to stay for the takeing in of any other Goods, that she may the better secure her returne within the Monsoon.

It is further agreed, that the owners are to receive the ffreight either in specie or in vallue, Rateing the salt Petre at the rate of 10 Pag^{s}: ℘ Candy.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
FRANCIS: ELLIS.
R: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

Yesterday the Kings Duan, and this day the Kings Buxee from Arcott arrived 8
at S^{t}: Thoma, to each of whome sent two Bottles Rosewater and a Glasse Hubble-bubble with a Compliment.

Received a Generall Letter from the Chief & Councill of Vizagapatam by a 9
Boat dat^{d}: 25th: Decemb^{r}: with their Consultations from the 16th: past to the 25th:

Dispatched a Generall Letter to the Generall &c^{a}: at Bombay and the Presid^{t}: & Councill of Suratt both of this day's date.

Arrived shipp Simberdu from Ganjam Baula Chittee Owner. 10

Arrived shipp Narsingo from Barway John Perrera Owner. 11TH.

The Duan and Buxee this day employed Cooleys in pulling downe three of the Points at S^{t}: Thoma, the reason whereof is said to bee because the Portugueez have not Present[ed] them since their arrivall.

ATT A CONSULTATION — MONDAY 11TH.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEU^{T}: GENERALL OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: FRANCIS ELLIS M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATHEW EMPSON

Ordered that One thousand Pag^{s}: bee paid to M^{r}. Thomas Wright Paymaster to defray charges Garrison.

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Woota Linga payes into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company Cash Pag^{s}: 775-9-40 on acco^{t}: Paddy sold in Decemb^{r}: Viz^{t}: Paddy 31 Garse 004 meř. at 16 meř ₽ Pagoda.

The Tobacco ffarmers pay's into the R^{t} : Hon^{ble} : Company Cash Pag^{s} : 241, 24 fan^{s} : for one month ending 16th : Instant.

M^{r}: Mathew Empson pays into the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company Cash Pag^{s}: 119: on acco^{t}: Land Custome, and read his acco^{t} : Land Customs for the month of December last perticulers Viz^{t}:

Choultry Custome	P.	101 : 26 : 70 :
Rubie Brokers	,,	8 : 33 : 6 :
Cloth Brokers	,,	8 : 20 : 7 :
Fines	,,	1 : : :
	Pag^{s} :	120 : 9 : 5 :

Generall Letter from Capt James Thwaites dat^{d}: 30th: November received yesterday by way of Nagapatam, and our answere dat^{d}: 9th: & 11th: Instant to both his Letters Read, allsoe Instructions to M^{r}: Thomas Lovell dat^{d}: 9th: & 11th: Instant.

Upon consideration of the last Letter from Cap^{t}: Thwaites, makeing no mention of the condition of the Cargo and yet pressing earnestly of the stores that hee may bee gone and save his monsoon, which shows his design of carrying away the Cargo in this Damaged condition. It is resolved that M^{r}: Lovell bee ordered not to deliver any part of the stores sent by Shipp Syrian Marchant till the arrivall of M^{r}: Ellis &c^{a}:

Resolved that the Syrian Marchant and Brigantine Acheen Marchant doe both accompany the Raft, that when they come upon the Coast of Zealon where the greatest danger is they may assist the Raft by their Boats where the shipps cannot.

Discoursed further concerning the termes of supplying shipp King William, in order to a writeing of agreement to bee signed by Cap^{t}: Thwaits and M^{r}: Ellis &c^{a}:

NATH : HIGGINSON.
JO : STYLEMAN.
WILL : FRASER.
FFRANCIS ELLIS.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA : BARWELL.
THO : WRIGHT.
M. EMPSON.

12TH. Arrived shipp Narsingo from Ganjam Narcola Balu, Owner.

13 Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^{t}: David dat^{d}: 8 January and one from Presid^{t}: Hatsell dat^{d}: 7th: January.

Received Letter from the Agent & Councill of Bengall dat^{d}: 1st: December 1696 by a Moors Ketch.

14 Rece^{d}: three Pacquets by Anjango Peons Vizt.
From his Excel^{cy}: S^{r}: John Gayer &c^{a}: Council at Bombay dat^{d}: 7th: Nov^{r}:
From M^{r}: Pennying at Callecutt dat^{d}: 2^{d}: Decemb^{r}: 1696.
From Commadore Braborn &c^{a}: at Anjango dat^{d}: 13th: Decemb^{r}: 1696.

Received a Generall Letter from M^{r}: Stanley &c^{a}: at Ballesore dat^{d}: 12 Decem^{r}: accompanying one from the Agent &c^{a}: Councill of Bengall dat^{d}: 25th: Novem^{r}: 1696 ₽ Moors Shipp.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 14.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEU^{T}: GENER^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: M^{R}: ROGER BRADDY^{LL}
M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL. M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATHEW EMPSON

The Attorney of M^{r}: Jerimiah Peachey produceth a Judgement of the Court of Admiralty dat^{d}: 9th: Instant for seaventy Pagodas payable to M^{r}: Jerimiah Peachey out of the Estate of James Wattson dec^{d}: lying in the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Companyes Cash, which by the Generall Bookes amounts to Pag^{s}: 68:3 fan^{s}: ordered that, that sum̃e bee paid.

Generall Letters from Bengall dat^{d}: 25th: November & 1st: December read wherein they advise the Progresse of the Rebells Armey in Bengall, and wrote for tenn Great Gunns.

Ordered that tenn Gunns from 10 (to) 20 Cw^{ts}: with One thousand Iron shot, and One thousand stone shot sutable to the Gunns, and a Mold for small shot, bee sent by Shipp Loyall Captaine.

Alsoe a Generall Letter from Anjango dat^{d}: 13th: Decemb^{r}: and from Callicut dat^{d}: 2^{d}: December and from the Gene^{ll}: and Councill at Bombay dat^{d}: 7th: Novem^{r}: all giveing an acco^{t}: of severall Pyrats Shipps which have taken seve^{ll}: Shipps belonging to the English Moors, and Arrabs at Mocca, and the coast of India.

M^{r}: William Fraser Warehouskeep^{r}: read his Warehouse acco^{t}: for the month of December last.

The Sea Customer is ordered to Receive the freight of the Goods ℘ Josiah Ketch from Acheen and Mallacca at the following Rates, Viz^{t}.

Suger, 10 ℘ Cent.
Elephant Pepper 30 ℘ Cent.

Arrac six Pag^{s}: ℘ Leegur or 12 Pag^{s}: ℘ Quart^{r}: Cask, that the acco^{t}: thereof may bee sent with the Ketch.

The Paymaster is ordered to provide Stores for the Josiah Ketch necessary for her proceeding for Bombay and to pay M^{r}: Negues the Pylot tenn Pagodas ℘ meñ from the 30th: June last; and Miles Chapman Boatswain Five Pag^{s}: ℘ meñ and six other Englishmen that did belong to the Mocca ffriggat three Pag^{s}: each ℘ meñ to this time, for their bringing the Ketch hither, and offered to Cap^{t}: George Willock the Command of the Ketch, and that M^{r}: Negu's and the rest of the men belonging to the Mocca, may proceed upon her, for Bombay upon wages, for the discharge of w^{ch}: and other Petty expences the Paymaster is ordered to Imprest so much as is sufficient, for which hee is to bee accountable at Bombay.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
R. BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

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FRYDAY 15TH. ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORDRY

Present

THE HONBLE: NATHLL: HIGGINSON ESQR: LIEUT: GENELL: OF INDIA
MR: JOHN STYLEMAN MR: WILLIAM FRASER
MR: MR: ROGER BRADDYLL
MR: CHARLES BARWELL MR: THOMAS WRIGHT
MR: MATHEW EMPSON

Ordered that five hundred Pags: bee paid to Mr: Thomas Wright Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

The following papers read and signed Vizt.

Commission and Instructions to Francis Ellis Esqr: Cheif and Councill relateing to Shipp King William & Cargo dated this day.

Generall Letter to Capt: James Thwaits Commr: of Shipp King William datd: 9th: and 11th: Instant.

Genll: Letter to the Govr: and Councill of Trincomalai datd: this day.

Alsoe the following papers Read and approved Vizt

Draught of a writeing of agreement to bee signed by Capt: Thwaits, Mr: Ellis &ca:

Draught of a Bill of Exchange to bee drawn by Capt: Thwaits on the Owners &ca:

Draught of a Bond to bee signed by Capt: Thwaits.

All which papers with Invoices and Bills of Ladeing &ca: papers as ℔ List from No. 1 (to) 20 were delivered to Mr: Ellis &ca:

Mr: Chardin and Mr: Alvaro the principall Freighters of Diamonds upon Shipp King William, haveing been acquainted by the Governr: of our Intentions of sending Mr: Ellis &ca: were now sent for, to know if they had any orders to send concerning their Diamonds, they answered they would deliver Instructions to Mr: Ellis.

Ordered that one thousand sixty four Pollecat Pags: be Laden on the Brigantine Acheen Marcht: and consigned to Mr: Ellis &ca: for accot: the owners of Shipp King William, being all now procurable.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
R: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

16TH. Arrived a Moors Shipp from Ballasore.

16TH. Delivered Dispatches to Brigantine Acheen Marchant and shipp Syrian Marchant, and Mr: Ellis, Mr: Wigmore, Mr: Lovell went aboard, but did not saile ye: wind being Easterly.

17 This day the Brigantine Acheen Marcht: and ye: Syrian Marchant sailed for Trincomalai with a Raft of Mast yards &ca: for Shipp King William.

Spyes from St: Thoma have ever since the 11th: Instant dayly advise, that the Moors goe on in pulling downe the ffortifications, whereof five points and ye: Gate demolished, and this day they begun upon the Wall carrying the Brick and stone to a place where the Havaldar is goeing to build a house, they have alsoe taken downe the fflag stafe, and this day visited one of the Churches.

The Duan this day sent tenn Cammells & a Coach to fetch to St: Thoma, his housholdstuffe and Lumber wch: hee Lodged here about seaven months agoe.

18 Arrived Shipp Ramoda from Barway John ffarrera Owners.

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ATT A CONSULTATION — MONDAY 18TH.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUT: GENE^{LL}: OF INDIA

M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN	M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R:	M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R: CHARLES BARWELL	M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT

M^R: MATHEW EMPSON

Cap^t: Willocke acquainting that the Josia Ketch wants more Kentilage to make her sailworthy, and the last Letter from the Generall &c^a: intimating their want of Salt Petre, It is ordered that y^e: Warehousekeeper cause 100 baggs Salt Petre to be Laden on the Josia Ketch for Bombay.

NATH: HIGGINSON.	CHA: BARWELL.
JO: STYLEMAN.	THO: WRIGHT.
WILL: FRASER.	M: EMPSON.
R: BRADDYLL.	

ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORD^{RY} — TUESDAY 19TH.

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^R: LIEUT. GEN^{LL}: OF INDIA

M^R: JOHN STYLEMAN	M^R: WILLIAM FRASER
M^R:	M^R: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^R: CHARLES BARWELL	M^R: THOMAS WRIGHT

M^R: MATHEW EMPSON

M^r: William Morice haveing been ordered to take from M^r: Cruffe who remaines sick in the Hospitall his acco^{ts}: of the Ketch Josia, doth now produce them, haveing been examined by the Accountant. It is ordered that Pag^s: four hundred fifty nine, twenty eight fañ: & two Cash bee paid to the following persons being for soe much borrowed of them in Acheen and Mallacca. M^r: Cruffe, to defray the ketches Charges Viz^t:

William Longest Bond	Pag^s:	91 : 32
Armiger Gostlin ditto	„	176 : 22
Stephen Baker Mast^r: of Josia Ketch the proceed of his effects found aboard and expended by M^r: Cruffe ...	„	191 : 10
	„	459 : 28

Generall Letter to the R^t: Hon^{ble}: Company to Parã: 14 [. . .] and [. . . to] his Exce^{cy}: S^r: John Gayre to Parã: 7 both dated this day read.

Ordered that six hundred Pag^s: bee paid M^r: Thomas Wright Paymaster to defray Charges Garrison.

M^r: William Fraser warehousekeep^r: pay's one thousand Pag^s: into the R^t: Hon^{ble}: Comp^r: Cash acco^t: [. . .] Goods sold.

In consideration of James puffes honest behaviour in saveing the Ketch Josia from the Pyrats hands whereof hee hath hitherto keep^t the Charge [. . .] brought into this Road, and in lieu of wages. It is ordered that the tenn Tale two mace which he was indebted by the Ballance of his acco^t: be forgiven him, and that Pag^s: thirty bee alsoe paid him, w^{ch}: is to bee charged to the acco^t: of the Josia Ketch.

NAT: HIGGINSON.	R: BRADDYLL.
JO: STYLEMAN.	CHA: BARWELL.
WILL: FRASER.	THO: WRIGHT.

Received a Generall Letter from Fort S^t: David without date. 19TH.

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THURSDAY 21. ATT A CONSULTATION

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUT. GENE^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN — M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: — M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL — M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATHEW EMPSON

Generall Letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company to Paragraph 16, to Exce^{cy}: &c^{a}: at Bombay to Paragraph 13 dated 19th: Instant, and to Anjango dated 20th: Read and signed.

Ordered that the Warehousekeep^{r}: Lade on shipp Loyall Captaine ffiftie four thousand six hundred twenty four Rupees for Bengall.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
R: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

21 Arrived shipp Mahomdee from Ponde W^{m}: Rider Mast^{r} :.

This Evening delivered a Dispatch to Cap^{t}: George Willocke Comm^{r}: of Ketch Josia bound for Anjango & Bombay by whome sent a Gene^{ll}: Letter to the R^{t}: Hon^{ble}: Company & to his Exce^{cy}: &c^{a}: at Bombay, both dat^{d}: 19th: Instant, and to M^{r}: Braborne &c^{a}: at Anjango dat^{d}: 20th:

22 Josia Ketch sailed for Anjango & Bombay.

Delivered a Passe for shipp Loyall Captaine & shipps Comp^{a}: belonging to the Lieut. Generall bound for Bengall.

FRYDAY 22. ATT A CONSULTATION EXTRAORD^{RY}

Present

THE HON^{BLE}: NATH^{LL}: HIGGINSON ESQ^{R}: LIEUT. GENR^{LL}: OF INDIA
M^{R}: JOHN STYLEMAN — M^{R}: WILLIAM FRASER
M^{R}: — M^{R}: ROGER BRADDYLL
M^{R}: CHARLES BARWELL — M^{R}: THOMAS WRIGHT
M^{R}: MATHEW EMPSON

Ordered that three ℘ Cent (upon the Invoyce price) bee allowed the Owners of shipp Loyall Captaine for the ffreight of the Gunns, shot & Granados, Laden for Bengall.

Shipp Symon belonging to M^{r}: Holcombe being bound for Vizagapatam, it was moved whether y^{e}: Tootanague Tinn and Sandall bought for that ffactory which has been before discoursed and waved by objections made against the shipp and Mast^{r}: being now againe discoursed, it is resolved by the Majority to send halfe, but M^{r}: Chardin, M^{r}: Holcombs attorney being sent for acquaints us that the shipp cannot now take it in, being Laden and ready to sail.

M^{r}: Charles Barwell read his sea Customers acco^{t}: for the month of December Last.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
R: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

23 Delivered a Pass for shipp Cunnemeer Marchant Joseph Hiller owner bound for Bengall.

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ATT A CONSULTATION

MONDAY 25TH.

Present

THE HON[BLE]: NATH[LL]: HIGGINSON ESQ[R]: LIEUT. GENE[LL]: OF INDIA
M[R]: JOHN STYLEMAN M[R]: WILLIAM FRASER
M[R]: M[R]: ROGER BRADDYLL
M[R]: CHARLES BARWELL M[R]: THOMAS WRIGHT
M[R]: MATHEW EMPSON

The Choultry by age extreemly decayed, and the walls so weake that some prisoners have made there Escape by breaking thrô, and the Prisons being to few and small for that service. It is resolved that the whole Choultry bee taken downe and rebuilt Viz[t]: upon the Ground the Choultry now stands upon, and the Ground of a House belonging to an old Committee widdow adjoining to the North side of the Choultry which house and Ground M[r]: Barwell and M[r]: Wright are ordered to Purchase by causeing the House to be vallued, and the vallue to bee paid her or laid out in building another House for the widdow in some spare ground near the Burying place.

And that in the mean time the Choultry buissiness bee done in the Large shope over against the midle Gate which about five years agoe was rented by Mulla Mossum and is the place of the dayly randevouze of many Persians and Moors and that so many of the small shops adjoining bee made use of for Prisons as occasion requires.

The Govern[r]: doth acquaint that dureing the time that Nellecunte the ffarmer of the Pollamelee country Beetle, stoped all Beetle comeing in by Land except what bought of himselfe. The Towne Inhabitants being encouraged to import what they could by sea or Land for supply of the place, on condition they bought not of Nellecunte, there appeared reason to suspect that severall of them did really buy of the Gardens which Nellecunte farmed. The Govern[r]: and Land Customer did thereupon cause all the Beetle which they were not satisfied came from places which Nellecunte was not concerned in, to bee sold at the Choultry and an acco[t]: keept: of the Beetle, its produce and the persons which acco[t]: and the money amounts to fañ: 1648 : 73 : 6 is now produced.

Ordered that M[r]: Barwell, M[r]: Empson, and M[r]: Mountague, or two of them doe examine the persons and such as satisfie them, and did not buy their Beetle of Nellecunte nor [of his gardens] may receive the amount of their Beetle sold, the remainder to bee accounted intó the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Companys Cash in the Land Customers acco[t]:

Ordered that one thousand Pag[s]: bee paid to Mupa Chittee Gruapa, and fifty Pag[s]: Charles Bugden being for two Bill drawne by the Govern[r]: & Councill of Fort S[t]: David, as advised by their Generall Letter, Rceived the 19[th]: Instant.

M[r]: Thomas Marshall Regist[r]: delivers an acco[t]: of Court dutys from the 1[st]: June last to the 1[st]: Instant amount to Pag[s]: 82 : 21 : whereof hee now pays in Pag[s]: 75 : 22 :, the Ballance being Pag[s]: 6 : 35 :, is for 251 Pag[s]: Ordered by Court to bee paid to Cap[t]: William Brooke out of the Estate of John Kidder dec[d]: in the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Company's Cash, which being a Dead mans Estate, and for that reason onely; could not be paid without an order of Court, it is thought not reasonable that the Dead mans Estate should pay, and the recoverers in such cases thinke it unreasonable that they should pay; which the Judge and Assistants haveing represented, and considering there is no distinction made in the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Companys Orders. It is resolved in all such cases the recoverer doe pay the faunam duty upon a Pagoda, which payment to be Registered in the Court, and the money deposited, and keept in the hands of the [Receiver till] the case can bee stated to the R[t]: Hon[ble]: Company and their directions received.

M[r]: Peachey haveing now declared that hee did not give Orders to M[r]: Bowrige in the year 1695 for the delivery of the Comp[s]: papers to the Agent and

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Councill, as hee then promissed the President, where hee forfeited the Creddit of his word to us. It is resolved that it is not thought safe to take his word for his appearance in the Court, and Bail forthwith demanded.

M^{r}: Peachey gave the following answers to the following Questions Viz^{t}:

Q.—Why did not you deliver all the Maulda remaines to M^{r}: Braddyll when hee demanded.

A.—I did tender it.

Q.—Did hee refuse to receive it.

A.—I tendered it with this condition that hee would give me a Discharge agreeing with the Bookes (I say a Receipt) for I did not insist on a Discharge. But the Book's being not finished it was agreed that I should not deliver till the Bookes were finished.

M^{r}: Braddyll declars.

I made a demand in the begining of ffebruary and because the Bookes were not finished, wee wrote to the Agent & Councill and they ordered that M^{r}: Peachey should keep the ffactory till the 30th: Aprill and then deliver.

M^{r}: Peachey.

Q.—Why did you not then deliver.

A.—I did deliver all but what related to the Investment then in hand and I offered M^{r}: Braddyll the March^{ts}: Bills but hee refused to receive them or medle with the Investment, and desired me to end it.

M^{r}: Braddyll.

Q.—Why did you not take the Marchants Bills.

A.—I demanded all of M^{r}: Peachey, and refused nothing that hee would deliver nor did I refuse to meddle with the Investment after the 30th: Aprill and would give M^{r}: Peachey the same Receipt for the Bills &c^{a}: as I did for the rest.

M^{r}: Peachey.

Q.—Why did you not deliver the Bills &c^{a}: to the Agent and Councill of Bengall.

A.—I often desired them, to receive them and all and give me my discharge, but they would not.

Q.—Have you any writeings of the Companys besides the Bills, concerning the last Investment at Maulda.

A.—No except coppyes of Letters &c^{a}:

Q.—Did you not give M^{r}: Bowrige orders for delivering of the Comp^{s}: papers to the Agent & Councill.

A.—No.

Generall Letters to Bengall and Vizagapatam dated this day read.

NAT: HIGGINSON.
JO: STYLEMAN.
WILL: FRASER.
R: BRADDYLL.
CHA: BARWELL.
THO: WRIGHT.
M: EMPSON.

26 Received a Generall Letter from y^{e}: Cheif & Councill of Vizagapatam dat^{d}: 5th: January with papers according to List.

26TH Received a Generall Letter from the Govern^{r}: & Councill of Fort S^{t}: David dat^{d}: 22 January 169$\frac{6}{7}$.

Dispatched a Generall to the Agent & Councill of Bengall dat^{d}: 23^{d}: Instant ℘Shipp Loyall Captaine and [. . .] Chief and Councill of Vizagapatam ℘Shipp Simon.

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Received a Generall Letter from the Govr : & Council of Fort St : David datd : 26th : Instant. 29TH

Last night Shipp Loyall Captaine and Shipp Cunameer Merchant sailed for Bengall and Shipp Simon for Vizagapatam. 30TH

Arrived Shipp St : Gregory from Bengall, and brought a Generall Letter from the Agent and Councill datd : 1st January with papers according to List. Shipp Sedgwick sailed out of this Road. 31

LIST OF PERSONS IN THE SERVICE OF THE RT : HONBLE : ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY IN FORT ST : GEORGE &CA : PLACES ON YE : COAST OF CORMANDELL.

	Arrivall in India	Prest. Degree.	
1. Nathaniel Higginson Esqr : marrd : E. W. ...	March 19th : $169\frac{3}{4}$	Lieut. Genll.	
2. John Styleman Bookkeepr : Ditto E. W. ...	...	2 Councill.	
3. William Fraser Warehousekeepr :	May 31, 1685	3 Councill.	
4. Francis Ellis	June 23, 1672	4 Ditto.	
5. Roger Braddyll	April 13, 1683	5 Ditto.	
6. Charles Barwell Sea Customr marrd : E. W. ...	...	6 Ditto.	Gone to Trinogomalai.
7. Thomas Wright Paymastr :	June 16, 1684·7	Ditto.	
8. Matt : Empson Land Customr : marrd : Casteez.	July 20, 1687·8	Ditto.	
9. James Sowden at the Sea Gate	June 3,1677·	Sent [March]	
10. Edmund Mountague [. . .]	...	Ditto.	
11. Edward Tredcroft at ye : Sea Gate	July 22, 1687	Ditto.	
12. John Meverell Receivr : of the Sea Customs ...	July 22, 1687	Ditto.	
13. John Foquet Rentall Generall	October 15, 1687	Ditto.	
14. Enoch Walsh marrd : E. W. gon to Bombay ...	October 15, 1687	March.	
15. Vicessimus Griffith	...	Ditto.	
16. Stephen Frewen undr : Lieut : Genell : Februaryry :	Febry : 3, $169\frac{3}{4}$	Factor.	
17 Joseph Hillier Assist ; to ye Storekr : marrd : E. W.	Novr : 25, 1692	Ditto.	
18. Thomas Wigmore Secry :	Novemr : 23, 1692	Ditto.	Tringomalai.
19. John Pinford : assist : to ye : Land customr	Novembr : 23, 1692	Ditto.	
20. Matt : Mead Attorney Genell : & Sorter Entertd : here, marrd : E. W.	Janry : 1, $169\frac{2}{3}$	Ditto.	
21. William Morrice under ye : Bookkeepr	Febry : 3, $169\frac{3}{4}$	Ditto.	Tringamalai.
22. Thomas Marshall Registr :	Febry : 3, $169\frac{3}{4}$	Ditto.	
23. Thomas Lovell Assist : to ye Warehouskeepr : ...	Febry : 3, $169\frac{3}{4}$	Ditto.	
24. Gulston Addison at the Sea Gate	Febry : 3, $169\frac{3}{4}$	Ditto.	
25. Wm : Vandenancher undr : ye : Bookkeepr : ...	Novembr : 6, 1689	Ditto.	
26. James Eustace	Februaryry : 4, $169\frac{5}{6}$	Ditto.	
27. John Rowland	Februaryry : 4, $169\frac{5}{6}$	Ditto.	
28. Charles Bugden under ye : Secretary	Novr : 23, 1692	Writer.	
29. Thomas Harris Ditto	Novr : 23, 1692	Ditto.	
30. Batson Pearson at the Sea Gate	Novr : 23, 1692	Ditto.	
31. John Bultell undr ye : Govenr : in ye : Mint ...	Octobr : 1, 1692	Ditto.	
32. William Loyd undr : ye : Paymaster	Decembr : 15, 1694	Ditto.	
33. John Hutchinson under ye : Secry.	Febry : 4, $169\frac{5}{6}$	Ditto.	
34. Henry Davenport under ye : Secry :	Febry : 4, $169\frac{5}{6}$	Ditto.	
35. George Lewis Minister	...	...	
36. Nathaniell Stone Assaymastr :	...	..	
37. Edward Bulkley } Surgeons	...	...	
38. Samuel Browne } Surgeons			

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	Arrivall in India.	Prest. Degree.
1. William Hatsell Esqr : marrd : E. W.	...	Govr.
2. John Haynes Bookkeepr : marrd : E. W.	...	2 Council.
3. Ralph Ingram Warehousekeepr : marrd : E. W. ...	...	3 Council.
4. Richard ffarmer Sea Custome marrd : E. W. ...	Sept 5, 1684	4 Ditto.
5. Trever Games Land Customr : marrd : Casteez ...	June 8, 1688	5 Ditto.
6. Robt : Cranwell Land Customr : Tevenapatam ...	July 22, 1687	Senr Marcht.
7. John Berlue Secretary	...	Marcht.
8. Edward Baugus	Novemr : 5, 1689	Factr :
9. Edmund Bugden	Novemr : 23,1692	Writer.

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	Arrivall in India	Pres^{t}. Degree.
10. Henry Mompesson	February 3 : 169$\frac{3}{4}$.	Writer.
11. John Nicholson	[...] 1694.	
12. Thomas Faucet Surgeon marr^{d} : E. W.		

Vizagapatam.

1. Simon Holcombe	May 31,1685.	Cheif.
2. Samuel Oowen Bookkeep^{r} : marr^{d} : Casteez ...	July 30,1682.	2 Councill.
3. Thomas Stables Warehousekeep^{r}		3
4. Rich^{d} : Bridges Storekeep^{r} marr^{d} : E. W. ...	October 1,1692.	Factor.
5. Edward Thompson	October 1,1692.	Ditto.
6. Joseph Hinmers	Octob^{r} 1,1692.	Writer.
7. Balzaliel Morrice	Feb^{r} 3,169$\frac{3}{4}$.	Ditto.
8. John Cotter Surgeon marr^{l} : E.W.	...	

List of Freemen Inhabitants.

1. Elihu Yale Esq^{r} his wife in England.
2. Alvaro de Fonseeca Hebrew.
3. John Afflack married a Casteez.
4. Charles Medcalfe married a Casteez.
5. Hamon Gibbon.
6. John Nickes married English woman.
7. William Cawley his wife in England.
8. Daniel DuBois married English woman.
9. William Proby married English woman.
10. Daniel Chardin married ffrench woman.
11. George Heron married Georgion.
12. John Wassendwick married English woman.
13. Lawrence Bridger married E.W.
14. Samuel Glover married E.W.
15. James Coventry.
16. Richard Lee.
17. George Capell.
18. Christopher Allen married Musteez.
19. Simon Kilpatrick.
20. John Browne married musteez.
21. Charles Tainter his wife in England.
22. James Warback.
23. William Fowle.
24. Edward Dutton.
25. John Robbinson.

List of Sea faring men not constant Inhabitants.

1. John Dolben Esq^{r} his wife in England.
2. Richard Trenchfeild married a Casteez.
3. Armiger Gostlin marr^{d} : E.W.
4. Robert Masfen marr^{d} : E.W.
5. Anthony Penniston marr^{d} : E.W.
6. Edward Fleetwood marr^{d} : E.W.
7. Thomas Bowyer.
8. James Howell.
9. Henry Lawrance.
10. William Brooke marr^{d} : E.W.
11. William How.
12. William Harrison his wife in England.
13. Samuel Hart marr^{d} : Casteez.
14. Richard Phrip marr^{d} : E.W.
15. Augustin Hart Dutchman.
16. John Cockcroft marr^{d} : Musteez.
17. William Stock marr^{d} : E.W.
18. Joseph Lester.
19. John Wheeler.
20. John Mabb marr^{d} : E.W.

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List of Sea faring men not constant Inhabitants—cont.

21. John Wallis.
22. William Legatt marr[d] : Casteez.
23. William Ryder E. W.
24. William Griffin.
25. Thomas Child.
26. Thomas Lane marr[d] : Casteez.
27. John Smith.
28. Zachariah Stilgo.
29. Henry Harnett.
30. Charles Sherrer marr[d] : E. W.
31. John Tyler.
32. John Gifford.
33. Samuel Dixson.
34. Thomas Plumbe.
35. James Harris.
36. John Bell.
37. Richard Williams.
38. William Ladd.
39. John Parkam.
40. Francis Holt.
41. Richard Lett.

Widdows.

1. Winnefred Bridger.
2. ElizabethCarrell.
3. Sarrah How.
4. Ursula Oneal.
5. Mary Ivcry.
6. Susanna Harbin.
7. Mary Harry.
8. Elizabeth Cattelon.
9. Mary Large.
10. Mary Lacy.
11. Johanna Martin.
12. Milicent Woolnough.
13. Mary Pitman.
14. Mary Burton.

Unmarried Women.

1. Anne Latchward.
2. Francis Christana.
3. Francis Lightfoot.
4. Anne Stone.
5. Hanna Harry.

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